nslation of "The Birds of
e read, says the doctor,
d returned it with three
rawings. Thackeray says
was at this period of his
e out in the poet's corn-
ds with some verses with
well satisfied." Dr. Cor-
great Catholic emancipa-
sce on Penenden-heath,
some verses, which were
an Exeter paper for in-
eared. These verses, the
first composition of the
ere ever published:—
MELODY.
Minstrel Boy."
nt has gone,
h you'll find him;
e came alone.
yle behind him.
this little man,
ncipation,
" he then began
oration.
ut the men of Kent
shouting.
ggon the little man went,
his spouting
Heretics heard me not."
iend Canonical,
in the 'Times,' I wot,
orning Chronicle."
reparing a graceful tribute
keray, the paper to appear
e *Cornhill Magazine* Sua-

st A Congregation.

ter of a large congregation
pted in his forenoon ser-
coughing of his auditors.
f his observations, he ad-
on to the following effect:—
streets at the New Year
and get cold, then you come
like a park of artillery. I
a vacation of six weeks,
e to get sober and to re-
." He thereafter went on
which was concluded amid
oan it had been begun; but
ion were dismissing, an in-
the gallery rose up and
the remarks of the pastor
an an insult to the whole
e Courier.

Smart."

om the Federal army and
Canada. The wife having
roit on business, requested
and meet her. When the
is wife denounced him as a
a reward of $30.—*Liver-*

EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

Date of Departure		Where from
1863-64		
		Calcutta
		Calcutta
Dec.	5	Swansea
Jan.	9	London
		London
		Singapore
		Calcutta
		Calcutta
Jan.	18	Falmouth
		London
Jan.	7	Sunderland
		Calcutta
Dec.	22	London
		London
		London
Dec.	15	Sunderland
Jan.	25	Liverpool
		Calcutta
		London
		London
Dec.	23	Greenock
Feb.	10	Calcutta
		Calcutta
Feb.	10	Calcutta
Jan.	2	London
Nov.	30	Cardiff
		Singapore
		Singapore
Jan.	31	Calcutta
Nov.	28	Ramsgate
		Rangoon
Jan.	14	Newport
		Rangoon
		Singapore
Dec	12	Sunderland
Dec.	23	Sunderland
Dec.	31	London
		Singapore
Nov.	17	Newport
		Singapore
Jan.	16	Shields
		Singapore
		Liverpool
		London
Dec.	23	London
Jan.	23	London
		Calcutta
		London
Dec.	14	Cardiff
Nov.	27	London
		Singapore
Dec.	18	London
		Calcutta
Jan.	11	London
Jan.	4	Cardiff
		Calcutta
		Calcutta
Jan.	23	Singapore
		Rangoon
		Calcutta
		Liverpool
Oct.	17	Sunderland
Dec.	31	London
Dec.	5	London
Jan.	26	Sunderland
Dec.	11	Liverpool

Jan. in Minipa Straits.
With Troops.

EXPECTED AT SHANGHAI.

Date of Departure		Where from
1863-64		
		Liverpool
		London
		Calcutta
Nov.	14	Sunderland
Dec.	5	London
		Liverpool
Nov.	14	London
		London
Dec.	10	London
Nov.	19	Cardiff
		Calcutta
Jan.	9	New York
Jan.	27	Calcutta
Nov.	17	Liverpool
Jan.	26	Singapore
Oct.	21	Liverpool
Oct.	17	Sunderland
Dec.	13	Sunderland
Jan.	8	London
		Calcutta
Dec.	14	Liverpool
Dec.	17	Plymouth
		Calcutta
		London
Dec.	11	Cardiff
Nov.	24	Ardrossan
		Liverpool
Dec.	9	Sunderland
	24	London
Jan.	12	London
Jan.	15	London
Dec.	8	Bermuda
Feb.	8	Calcutta
		Calcutta
Nov.	23	Cardiff
Jan.	7	Sunderland
Dec.	14	Liverpool
Nov.	30	Cardiff
Jan.	8	London
Dec.	19	Grimsby
Jan.	14	London
Feb.	16	Calcutta
		London
		London
		London
		Singapore
Nov.	25	London
Dec.	16	Pernambuco
		Singapore
		Rio Janeiro
Nov.	6	Calcutta

ound to Japan.
ound to Amoy.
ound to Ningpo.

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ARRIVALS.

Mar. 23, ADDELAIDE, Ham. bg. 229, Kirk, Amoy, Mar. 22, Ballast.—BOURJAU HUBENER & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 24, ALICIA, for Saigon.
Mar. 24, RICHARD, for Whampoa.
Mar. 24, ST. BERNARD, for Bombay.
Mar. 24, CONCEPTION, for Manila.
Mar. 24, H. M. S. SCYLLA, for a cruise.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
24th March. 1864.

Mona, str. for Ningpo.
Dartmouth, for Ningpo.
Falcon, for Ningpo.
Danzig, for Suai.
Bougueyran, for Shanghai.
Buenos Ayres, for Suai.
Adelaide, for Suai.

PASSENGERS.

None.

REPORTS.

British brig "*Alicia Annie.*"
MACAO, March 23rd, 1864.

SIR,—I herewith forward the position and particulars of a Reef (not shewn on the Admiralty charts corrections up to 1861) seen from on board the *Alicia Annie* on the passage from Saigon to MACAO—Lat. 9.25 N. Long. 145.19.30 E. bearing from Thomas's first shoal N. 80 W. distant 35 miles—Lagoon formed trending from N. W. by N. to S. E. by S. about 3 miles in Length—a slight rise of sand hill at the N. W., and a reef of rocks at the S. E. end, with several detached rocks around the edge of the Lagoon, a portion of wreck was on the S. E. and had from its appearance been that of a large Junk—At the distance of ¼ of a mile from the S. E. end soundings were tried for but without success there being no bottom with 100 fathom of line. A large junk was near with four Boats outside the lagoon, and one inside fishing—Thomas's first shoal was seen the next day and the chronometer shewed two miles west of position of that shoal as placed on the chart.

I may here remark, whilst taking the Palawan route in March 1853 bound to Manila breakers were heard at night, when about five miles from same position, it had been blowing fresh from the North during the day, and at night it fell calm. The stream anchor and chain were got in readiness, but a breeze sprang up and the breakers were left astern however. I have no doubt now that this was the same Reef.

Within the last 14 days I have been comparing logs of ships coming up the China Sea this month, and find the ships that have taken the Palawan Route have been "*Sold this trip.*"

The winds and currents in the China Sea I find by experience are not the same as they were—why not encourage extracts from logs and in a few years we might have both a wind and a current chart of the China Sea. Apologizing for intruding upon your time and space.

I am Sir
Yours respectfully,
RICH. KIRBY.
Owner of "*Alicia Annie.*"

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

None.

EXCURSION TRIP TO MACAO AND BACK $2.

THE Steamer

"SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY,"

will leave Macao To-morrow the 26th Instant, at 8 A.M. returning same day at 2 P.M.

On Monday, 28th Instant, the same, only the hour of departure from Macao at 9 A.M.

First class Passengers to Macao and back $2.
Do. Do. to or from Macao $1.
Chinese passengers 50 cents.
☞No Cheques will be taken.
B. E. CARNEIRO.
2d Hongkong, 24th March, 1864.

EXCURSION TRIP TO MACAO. AND BACK.

THE Steamer "*FAME,*" Captain Fagg, will leave this on Saturday next to Macao at 1 P.M., returning therefrom on Monday following at 8 A.M.

1st class Passengers to Macao and back. $3.
do. do. to or from Macao. $2.
Tickets to be had at D. Lapraik, Esq. Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co. Bowra & Co. and H. Duddell & Co's.
☞No Cheques will be taken.
D. RUTTUNJEE.
4d Hongkong, 22nd March, 1864.

EXCURSION TRIPS TO MACAO AND BACK.

THE Steamer "*HANKOW,*" Captain P. Bennett, will leave Hongkong, for Macao, on Saturday, the 26th Instant, at 3 P.M.; returning, from Macao, at 6.30 A.M. on the 28th Instant. On the 26th instant the "*Hankow,*" will leave Canton, for Hongkong at 7 A.M., instead of at 9 o'clock, the usual hour; and will leave Hongkong for Canton, on her return from Macao on the 28th instant, at 11 A.M.

Cabin Passage to Macao and back.....$5
do. to or from Macao.....$3
No Cheques will be taken.
RUSSELL & Co.
11d Hongkong, 23rd March, 1864.

STEAM TO MACAO.

THE Steamer

"SIR JAMSETJEE JEEJEEBHOY."

Brown Master, will run regularly between Hongkong and Macao, as follows:—

MACAO TO HONGKONG,—every *Tuesday, Thursday,* and *Saturday.*

HONGKONG TO MACAO,—every *Monday, Wednesday,* and *Friday.*

Hour of departure from both places, at Noon.
ACHEONG, Hongkong;
B. E. CARNEIRO,
Agent in Macao.
tf Hongkong, 16th February, 1864.

STEAM TO MACAO.

THE Steamer

"FAME,"

Captain FAGG, will ply until further notice, between this and Macao, in place of the *Fei-seen,* as under:—

FROM HONGKONG.—*Tuesdays,* and *Thursdays,* at Noon; *Saturdays,* at 1 P.M.

FROM MACAO,—*Mondays,* at 9 A.M.; *Wednesdays,* and *Fridays,* at Noon.

D. RUTTUNJEE.
tf Hongkong, 12th March, 1864.

STEAMER "*HANKOW.*"

UNTIL further notice this Steamer will leave Hongkong for Canton, and Canton for Hongkong, at 9 A.M., instead of at 8 A.M., as heretofore.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf Hongkong, 4th January, 1864.

BANKS.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA.
HONGKONG AGENCY.

THE Bank draws and negotiates bills on LONDON, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, HANKOW, and in general, on any place, where there is a Bank or Banker.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS, are kept, on which no Commission is charged, and no interest is allowed.

FIXED DEPOSITS, are received at the following rates of interest:—

On Monies lodged for { 1 month certain 2 % per annum. 3 months, „ 3 „ „ 6 „ „ 5 „ „ 9 „ „ 6 „ „ 12 „ „ 7 „ „

SPECIE and BULLION are purchased at Market Rates.

If payment is taken in the Bank's Drafts on London, monies lodged as above for fixed periods may be withdrawn at any time on demand on favourable terms.

The Agency is prepared to discount bills and grant loans to constituents on approved Banking securities.

J. W. MACLELLAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, January, 1863.

CENTRAL BANK OF WESTERN INDIA.
Capital, One Million Sterling.
RESERVED FUND, £100,000.
Head Office—BOMBAY.
Branches.

HONGKONG.	CALCUTTA.
SHANGHAI.	MELBOURNE
YOKOHAMA.	LONDON.
HANKOW.	MADRAS.
INDORE.	SHOLAPORE.
AHMEDABAD.	SURAT.

THE Bank negotiates approved Bills, and issues Drafts on its several Branches, and on the London and County Bank, London.

Current Accounts are kept, upon which no interest is allowed or Commission charged.

Bullion and Specie purchased at market rates.

The Hongkong Branch is prepared to discount Bills and grant Loans to constituents on approved Banking securities.

Money received on deposit for fixed periods at rates which may be ascertained on application at the Office.

W. M. DAVIDSON,
Manager.
Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1864. 12m

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

Incorporated by National Decrees of 7th and 8th March, 1848, and by Imperial Decree of 25th July, 1854.

CAPITAL, (Subscribed and paid-up), Francs 40,000,000 (£1,600,000.)
RESERVE FUND, Francs 8,910,000 (£357,000.)

HEAD OFFICE,—14, Rue Bergere, Paris.
LONDON BANKERS,—Union Bank of London.
AGENCIES IN INDIA AND CHINA,—At Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Shanghai, Saigon, and Saint Denis (Ile de la Réunion.)
CORRESPONDENTS IN INDIA, CHINA, AMERICA, AUSTRALIA, &c.,—At Pondichery, Madras, Colombo, (Ceylon), Akyab, Port Louis, (Mauritius), Singapore, Bangkok, Batavia, Manila, San Francisco, New York, New Orleans, &c., Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart-town, &c.

HONGKONG AGENCY.
Acting Manager. VICTOR KRESSER.
Head Cashier, H. KAISER. *Accountant,* N.

This Agency issues Drafts on Paris on the Head Office; on London on the Union Bank of London; on Bombay, Calcutta, Shanghai, Bourbon, Saigon, on the Agencies of the Comptoir; and on the Chief Places of Commerce in the Continent of Europe, India, China, America, Australia, &c., on the Correspondents of the institution.

Approved Bills negotiated.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS are kept upon which no Commission is charged and no Interest is allowed.

DEPOSITS for Fixed Periods are received at interest, particulars of which may be obtained on application to the Agency.

The Agency is also prepared to discount Bills and Grant Loans on approved Banking Securities.

VICTOR KRESSER,
Acting Manager.
Queen's Road, Corner of Zetland Street,
tf Hongkong, 8th October, 1863.

HOTEL D'EUROPE,
HONGKONG,
Corner of Hollywood Road and Pottinger Street,

This Hotel situated in the Centre of Hongkong, is most convenient for Passengers and Boarders for Comfort, Cleanliness, and moderate Charges.

TABLE D'HOTE & TIFFIN.

WARM AND COLD BATHS.

English, French, Spanish and German spoken at the Hotel.

The opposite House to "Hotel d'Europe is expecially for families. Large and Small Apartments (private.)
tf Hongkong, 25th February, 1864.

TO LET.
From the 1st of May next.

A Granite Godown of about 20,000 piculs capacity, opposite Messrs. Dent & Co.
For particular apply to
A. MULLER,
Praya.
tf Hongkong, 17th March, 1864.

TO LET.

TWO valuable pieces of Land at West Point the Property of the French Government and known as Inland Lots Nos. 198 and 199 each Lot having a frontage to the Praya of 170 feet by a depth of 250 feet.
For terms and conditions apply to
J. PAUNCEFOTE.
Club Chambers.
tf Hongkong, 21st March, 1864.

AVIS OFFICIEL.

LE Soussigné, Ministre Plenipotentiaire Chargé ad interim du Cocsulat Général de France au Japon, a l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de M. M. les Négocians Français que le Gouvernement Japonais vient de prendre une décision conforme aux engagemens stipulés à Paris par les Ambassadeurs du Taïcoun, au mois d'Octobre 1862, relativement à la réduction des droits qui grèvaient, a l'entrée, les vins et liquides et les crûdes dits de Paris.

Cette réduction aura lieu dans les proportions suivantes:

Les vins et liquides à 5/0 (au lieu de 35/0), les articles de Paris a 5 et à 6/0 (suivant les classes) (au lieu de 20/0).

La présente mesure doit entrer en vigueur pour le port de Yokohama le 8 Fevrier, pour les autres ports le 8 Mars de la présente année.

Le Ministre est informé que d'autres réduction ont été accordées à la demande d'autres Puissances. La nomenclature en sera fournie ultérieurement.

(Signé)
DU CAESNE DE BELLECOURT.
(*L.S.*)
Yokohama, le 27 Janvier, 1864. 5d-16fc

NOTICE.

MR. ALBERT ROBINSON C.E., begs leave to notify that he is about leaving this Colony for Shanghai, intending to be absent for about six weeks. Communications can be addressed to him through the Post Office.
tf Hongkong, 14th January, 1864.

BANKS.

THE BANK OF HINDUSTAN, CHINA AND JAPAN, LIMITED,

16, CORNHILL LONDON, E.C.

CAPITAL—ONE MILLION.
DIRECTORS,
Chairman.
JAMES NUGENT DANIEL, Esq. (*Chairman of the Alliance Bank of London and Liverpool.*)
Deputy-Chairman.
RICHARD SPOONER, Esq., (*Late Commissioner of Customs, Bombay.*)
WILLIAM FREDERIC BARING, Esq.,
THOMAS COTTERELL Esq., 50, *Eaton Square.*
J. A. REYNELL DE CASTRO, Esq., (*Director of the Alliance Bank.*)
PHILIP STORR FLETCHER, Esq., 10 *Kings Arms Yard.*
WILLIAM HARRISON, Esq., (Messrs. YOUNG, HARRISON, & BEVAN.)
DEANE J. HOARE, Esq.,
HENRY YOUNG, Esq., (*Late Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.*)
MICHEL, E. RODOCANACHI, Esq., (Messrs. RODOCANACHI, SONS & Co.)
SPIRIDION MAVROJANI, Esq., (Messrs. RALLI & MAVROJANI).

Terms of Business.

The Bank draws and negociates Bills on London, Calcutta, Bombay, Singapore, &c., and issues drafts on Demand on the Bank of England, National Bank of Ireland, and National Bank of Scotland, and their Branches.

Current Accounts kept, and Interest at 2 per cent allowed on minimum Balances.

The Bank receives money on Deposit for fixed periods at rates which may be ascertained on application.

W. C. CURRIE,
Manager
tf Hongkong, 22nd October, 1863.

FOR SALE.

NOW LANDING.

CHAMPAGNE, (Ruinart Pere & Fils), in quarts and pints.
Champagne, (Garet), in quarts.

Fine Dessert Clarets.
Chateaux Suduirant (white.)
Sauterne, (Cuzol and Fils & Co.)
Cantenac Medoc, (red.)
La Rose Pergauson, (red.)

Breakfast Clarets.
Haut Sauterne.
Cantenac Medoc, (red.)

Jules Robin, Brandy.
Louis Olanyer, do.

Vermouth, (Noilly Prat & Co.)
Absinthe, (Rivoire Freres.)

Truffes Pures, in quart tins.

For Family Use.
50 cases assorted French Vegetables, each case containing:

2 tins	Spenege,	at $12 per Case.
4 „	Petits Pois,	
2 „	Champignons,	
2 „	Cepes in vil	
2 „	Artichauts,	
2 „	Haricots Verts	
2 „	Julienne,	
1 „	Carrots,	
1	Turnips,	
2 „	Choux au jus,	
2 „	Celeri au jus,	
2 „	Oseille,	
1 „	Asperragus,	
25 tins.		

Dutch Herrings, in small kegs.

Pommeranzen Spiritus.

German Sausages.

50 casks Claret, at $30 per cask.
REYNVAAN, BROTHERS & Co.
tf Hongkong, 12th March, 1864.

S. W. BAKER & Co.,
ex "Flying Spur."

PERFUMERY, Soap, Brushes of Hendries, Gosnell's and Rowlands Manufacture, Gentlemen's Straw and Felt Hats, Boys Hats and Caps, Sangster's Umbrellas, Summer Tweeds, Letter Scales, Paper Weights, Gillotts Pens, &c.

Also,

Ladies Hats, Wreaths, and Millinery.
2w Hongkong, 19th March, 1864.

AUTOPERIPATETIKOS, with Wax and Wooden Heads.
RAY & Co.
tf Hongkong, 17th March, 1864.

BONNETT & Co.,

HAVE for Sale Ladies Coloured KID GLOVES, White and Black do., of the best quality.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1864. 16d

Received and for Sale by the undersigned.

BASS' Trade Mark Beer, in pints and quarts.
Guiness' Stout.
De La Rues, Stationery.
Copper Bars, from ¾ to 1¼ inches.
Brass Screws. Files Anvils Patent Shackles, Octagon, Oval, Square, Flat and Spring Steel. Emery Cloth and Powder, Tucks Patent and Gum and Hemp Packing, and Cotton Waste, Mackintosh Coats, Fairbanks Scales, Electro-plate Hot Water Dishes, York Hams, Cheddar and Wiltshire Cheese, Townsend's Sarsaparilla, Cream of Tartar, Soda, Saleratus, French Polish, Coral Varnish, Peacock and Buchans Composition, Linseed Oil, in drums and wood. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 burner Lamps, Side and Bracket Lamps, Wick Yarn, Turkish Towels, French Patés, Brandy, Sherry, and Port, of superior quality, Stoves Ships Camboozes, Sharps-Rifles and Cartridges, handsome Dessert Services, Havanna Segars, Toilet Sponges, general assortment of Gilman's Stores, and a new invoice of Books.
DE SILVER & Co.
1m Hongkong, 18th March, 1864.

FOR SALE, BY SMITH, ARCHER & Co.

50 Barrels Prime PORK.
50 barrels Mess BEEF.
50 barrels Crushed SUGAR.
COPPER.
YELLOW METAL.
COMPOSITION NAILS.
NAVY BREAD.
500 OARS, 14 to 16 feet.
tf Hongkong, 11th March, 1864.

A Fine MANILA WHITE PONY quiet, suitable either for *riding* or *driving.*
Apply to C. S., Office of this paper.
1m Hongkong, 11th March, 1864.

DUGET SOUND SPARS, from 6 to 30 inch. also LUMBER, from 1 to 6 inch., and Squares, 9 to 16 inch., and Fishes, 6 and 8 inch. by 14 inch., and 70 feet Lengths; also TEAK and MOLAVA; IRON, COPPER, and METAL RODS. All at cost price in any quantity to close accounts.
Apply to
S. P. HALL & Co.
tf Hongkong, 11th March, 1864.

Just Received from Bordeaux ex "Bouguerran."

50 Cases CLARET, (ST. EMILION), at $30 per Case. Each Case containing about 300 Bottles.
REYNVAAN, BROTHERS & Co.
tf Hongkong, 9th March, 1864.

RACE GLASSES, in great variety.
C. HOCHSTETTER,
Queen's Road.
Hongkong 1st February, 1864.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW,
the 26th March, 1864,—at Noon,
At Messrs. Johnson & Co's. Godowns.
On the Praya.
600 bags. Damaged RICE.
(for account of the concerned.)
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
W. M. MORGAN & Co.
Hongkong, 24th March 1864.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW,
the 26th March, 1864,—at Noon,
At Messrs. Wm. Pustau & Co's. Godowns.
For account of whom it may consern.
Ex "*Mary Goddard,*"
400 bags Black PEPPER.
More or less damaged by Sea Water.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1864.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

H. DUDDELL & Co. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

MONDAY,
the 28th March, 1864,—at 3 P.M
AT THE VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
By Order of the Official Administrator.

One Superior London built Brougham with Harness complete, the Property of the late J. Trubshaw Esq.

At the same time will be sold
1 New London Built Dog Cart.
1 „ „ Pascha Phaeton
1 „ „ Sociable.
1 „ „ Basket Cab Phaeton.
1 Grey Horse.
1 Bay Horse.
1 Grey Pony.

Together with other Horses, and Carriages that may offer previous to the day of Sale.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1864.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

MONDAY,
the 28th March,—at 12 o'clock,
AT THEIR NEW SALES ROOM,

20 cases containg Glassware.
3 „ Eau de Cologne.
3 „ Violins and Guitars.
150 Silver Gilt Watches,

An Invoice of Jewelery very handsomely assorted consisting of Scarfpins, Scarfrings, Albert Chains, Charms, all gold guaranteed.

An Invoice of Stationery comprising Foolscap, Note and Letter Paper; Envelopes, Account Books, Blotters, Pencils, Ink, &c. &c.

3 Rods Sole Leather.
10 cases Sardines in ¼ tins.
10 quarter casks Martells, Pale Brandy guaranteed.
50 cases 1 dz. Pale Sherry.
50 „ Port Wine.
250 „ Common Brandy.
50 casks Pale Ale.
75 cases Cherry Cordial.

Also,

An Invoice of Fancy Goods as Table Covers, Porcelain and other Ornaments, Paper weights,
100 Drums Turpentine 5 gallons each.
77 coils Russian Rope.
82 „ English do.

And,

a variety of other Goods.
&c., &c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1864.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GLASS-WARE, CROCKERY-WARE, PLATE, HORSES, CARRIAGES, &c., &c.

BOWRA & Co., have been favoured with instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

the 26th March, 1864,—at Noon,
SATURDAY,
At the Residence of J. J. MACKENZIE, Esq.,
Caine Road.

Elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Drawing-room, Dining-room and Bedroom Suites.

A PIANO-FORTE, by "BROADWOOD," nearly new, (one of the finest Instruments in the Colony.
A CARRIAGE and a Pair of BAYS.
A PHAETON.
&c., &c., &c.
The above now on View.

Catalogues will be issued in a few days.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1864.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BOWRA & Co. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

By order of A. H. PRICE, ESQ. H. M. Naval Storekeeper,
on
TUESDAY,
the 29th March, 1864,—at 11 A.M.,
At H. M. Victualling Yard.

The undermentioned UNSERVICABLE STORES:—

Biscuit Dust, Raisins, Slush, Empty Casks, Iron Hoops, Gunny Bags, Blankets, Blue Cloth, Flannel, Tobacco, Drill, Boots and Shoes, Various Implements.

After which,

About 100 casks Surplus Navy Beef.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1864.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

For Sale by Order of Mortgagees.

THE Property known as the American Steam Rice Mill Company, situated near the City of Bangkok, Siam. The land upon which this property stands is one of the finest situations near Bangkok it has a frontage on the river Menam of 362 feet, running back on the Northern boundary 1,060 feet, and on the Southern 924 feet, with a width of 383 feet in the rear. It is well cleared of jungle, is high and in fine condition along the shore from the quantity of ballast thrown in. A wharf runs out from the front with a depth at the end of 12 feet at low tide. The houses, godowns, &c., are all in good condition, and provide ample accommodation for the hands employed and for storage of paddy and cargo.

The machinery is nearly new and comprises every thing necessary for Hulling, Cleaning and Polishing rice, and is capable of turning out 1,000 piculs of cargo rice per day from paddy. It can also prepare the grain in the most thorough and complete manner for White or California rice. It is worked by a Steam Engine of 30 horse-power in perfect and efficient order, consuming 2 tons of coal in 24 hours.

Plans and full specifications can be seen at the Office of Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. to whom application can be made.

If not disposed of by private contract, this property will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION on some day hereafter to be made known.
tf Hongkong, 12th October, 1863.

WITH reference to the above notice, it is hereby published—that the property therein specified will be offered by Public Auction, on the premises in the City of Bangkok, the 14th April, 1864, *unless previously disposed of by private Sale.*
tf Hongkong, 13th February, 1864.

FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

MONDAY,
the 28th March, 1864,—at Noon.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. of DR. J. A. Pettengill at his residence Wyndham Street, five doors from the American Consulate.

Catalogues will be immediately issued.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, 21th March, 1864.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

WILL be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on *an early day.*—

Those very desirable and commodious premises situated in the Central part of the Town, and known as the "ORIENTAL HOTEL," and MESSRS. FAWCETT & Co.'s Store, with leases to run, the former of 7, and the latter of 2 years,—yielding an Annual Rental, of $1,600, paid half-yearly and quarterly respectively in advance.

The buildings have lately undergone a thorough repair with aditional improvements and alterations internally.

Annual Ground Rent,—$185.57 only.

For further particulars, apply to
D. RUTTONJEE,
or to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf Hongkong, 12th March, 1864.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

To England preferred.

THE British Barque

"CHANCE."

723 Tons Register Captain Dosuell,
Apply to
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 24th, March, 1864.

NOTICE.

DURING the absence of MR. A. R. JOHNSON MR. JAS. C. WARDGAW is authorized to sign our firm per procuration.
TAIT & Co.
tf Amoy, February, 1864.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

A PLOT of LAND, with or without Buildings, on, or adjacent to the Praya.
Address "*Merchant,*" at the Office of this paper.
tf Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

WANTED.

A Good and Strong RIDING HORSE.
Apply to P. R., at the Office of this paper.
1w Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

TO LET.

CARLTON House, (situated Queen's Road East) containing Dining, Drawing Room and three Bed Rooms with out Offices and Stabling.
Rent moderate, with immediate possession.
Apply to
CHAS. H. MORGAN.
tf Hongkong, 17th March, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned begs to inform the Foreign Residents of the Ports of China, that he has established himself at Amoy, as Marine Surveyor and Pilot, and solicits their patronage.
BARNET NICHOLLS,
Master Mariner.
1m-17ma Amoy, 17th March, 1864.

NOTICE TO MASTERS AND MATES.

WHEREAS the Colonial Examination for Masters and Mates has been declared by the Home Government to be altogether unnecessary and of no value, as the Imperial Statute of 1854 does not require, or give effect to, any examination out of the United Kingdom, it has been decided that the PAYMENT OF FEES has been irregular and illegal, and the same will of course be returned by the Board of Examiners, to whom early application is recommended, either personally or by letter.
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1864. tf

NOTICE.

THE undersigned has established himself here as Merchant.
Office,—Hollywood Road corner of Cochrane Street.
E. GARRETA.
2w Hongkong, 27th February, 1864.

NOTICE.

A Meeting of the Subscribers to the HONGKONG RACE FUND will be held at the Club House on Saturday, the 2nd of April next at 3 P.M.
Gentlemen interested are requested to attend.
By Order of the Stewards
MARCUS W. KELLY,
Clerk of the Course.
2w Hongkong, 23rd March, 1864.

WANTED.

BY a Person having long experience in every Branch of Mercantile Life, employment to fill up time after business hours.
Apply to W. Z., at the Office of this paper.
tf Hongkong, 1st March, 1864.

TOWNSEND & Co.
(TON-SUNG,
General Shipping & Commission Merchants, and Brokers in
TEAS, SILK, COTTON, RICE, SUGAR, &c., &c.
FRENCH BUND,
Next above Mail Steamer Office,
SHANGHAI. tf-29jn

TO LET.

Commodious New HOUSES, suitable for a family, situated at MOSQUE STREET. Rent $10 each. Possession can be had immediately.
Apply to
J. M. GUEDES, JR.,
At
MESSRS. LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 10th March, 1864.

TO LET.

THREE Houses in Elgin Street, commanding a fine view of the Harbour. Rent moderate
Apply to No. 584, *Lyndhurst Terrace.*
tf Hongkong, 1st March, 1864.

STABLING TO LET.

A Two Stalled Stable. Rent very moderate.
For particulars address to
P. Office of this paper.
tf Hongkong, 5th March, 1864.

TO LET.

A Granite GODOWNS in HOLLYWOOD ROAD, will be charged cheap.
Apply to the
"HOTEL D'EUROPE."
tf Hongkong, 25th February, 1864.

AT FOOCHOW,
TO BE LET OR SOLD.

THE following Business Premises, in the most Central position, immediately in the rear of Messrs. FUSSELL & Co.'s Godowns, built under the daily supervision of an experienced English Builder.

Dwelling House, comprising Four Bed-rooms on second floor; Dining-room, Drawing-room, Office, and Tea-room on first floor; and Comprador-rooms, Treasury and Coolie-rooms on the ground floor.

Also.

Godown of Brick and Stone, capable of storing about 6,000 chs. Tea.
For particulars, apply to
T. K. ASHTON,
Foochow.
tf-26ja

"STRAITS TIMES EXTRA."

THE price of this publication for 1864, will be as under:—
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, for one Copy.....$7.50
for more than one,...$6.00
SINGLE COPIES,.....25 Cents each.
Daily Press Office,
11th February, 1864.

Chinese Issue of the
"DAILY PRESS."

THE price of this paridocal for the present year, will be $4, instead of $5.
Daily Press Office,
11th February, 1864.

IMPORTANT TO GENTLEMEN.

THOS. PEACOCK has much pleasure in informing the public, that immediately alterations are completed at the "*Victoria Exchange,*" he will commence the Tailoring Department, under the Superintendence of an Experienced European Cutter, from one of the first West End houses in London, arrived by last mail.
tf. Hongkong, 17th March, 1864.

CANTON TUMPS over 10 lbs. in weight $2 each.
TALBOT & Co.
1m Hongkong, 2nd March, 1864.

SILLS BUTTER, in 60lbs., 56lbs., and 12lbs. Kegs.
TALBOT & Co.
1m Hongkong, 2nd March, 1864

A Valuable Building site at the port of Foochow.
Apply at the Office of this paper.
tf Hongkong, 8th February, 1864.

TENDERS will be received for the repairs of the Hanoverian Barque "*NEPTUNE,*" lying at Ferguson & Brand's Wharf.
For particulars, apply to
WM. PUSTAU & Co.

STEAMER "*YEDDO.*"

TENDERS will be received for Erecting a Light Spar Deck, and other alterations, on board the above Steamer.
For full particulars, apply to
JOHNSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 10th March, 1864.

TO LET.
With immediate possession.

THAT well-known, Commodious and Airy HOUSE, in Macao, situated in the Centre of the Praya, lately occupied by Mr. MARGESSON.

The House is in good repair and is specially adapted for a residence for invalids. Rent moderate.

Apply to "X.," at the Office of this paper.
tf Hongkong, 10th February, 1864.

S. W. HALSEY & Co.,
PHOTOGRAPHERS,
No. 68, Queen's-Road,
HONGKONG.
tf Hongkong, 18th February, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE Firm of LADAGE, OELKE & Co., Clothiers and Merchant Tailors, in this Port, having been dissolved by mutual consent of the Partners, from this date. MR. A. MULLER will continue the business in his own name, and all outstanding accounts due up to date will be settled by him.
LADAGE, OELKE & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1864.

WITH reference to the above, the undersigned will continue the same business as Clothier and General Store-keeper at this Port in his own name, and begs to solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto so liberally bestowed.
A. MULLER.
6m Hongkong, 1st March, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE Ice House will be open for the delivery of Ice every morning, from six until seven o'clock.
tf Hongkong, 31st January, 1864.

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DOCKS.

"HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK Co." AGENTS and Commanders are informed that the Dock Company's Establishments at Whampoa, afford every facility for Repairing, Spurring, and Refitting Vessels of all sizes: the Company are also prepared to execute all kinds of work with prompt despatch.

The Dock is built of Granite, and is 550 feet over all, with 520 feet on the Blocks, and a Breadth of 80 feet at the Entrance. It can be used as either one or two Docks, being fitted with Two Caissons. It is also furnished with Steam Pumps.

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 16½ to 17 feet
do. Neap do. 15½ to 15 ..

Attached to the Docks is a Pair of Shears, fitted with 2 Capstans and 3 Winches, and Capable of lifting 50 tons, with a Depth of Water under the Shears, alongside the Jetty, enough for any Vessels at all times of Tides.

Also, One Wood Dock, capable of taking a Vessel of 240 feet on the keel, on a Draft of 14 Feet at Spring Tides, and 11 at Neap Tides. This Dock is also fitted with a Caisson, and is pumped out by steam.

The above are the only Docks in Whampoa fitted with Caissons.

There are also Two Mud Docks, one capable of taking in Vessels of 164 feet on the keel, with a Draft of 12 feet 6 inches at Spring Tides, and 9 feet 6 inches at Neap Tides. The other, Vessels of 120 feet 6 inches at Spring Tides, and 7 feet 6 inches at Neap do.

The Engine House under the Superintendence of European Engineers and Boilermakers contains Lathes of all sizes, and capable of taking any sized Shaft; one Self-acting Planing Machine, Screwing Machine, with Taps and Dies complete. Large and Small Drilling Machines, Punching and Cutting Machines, Rolling Machines, powerful Steam Hammer (3 tons), &c., &c.

The Blacksmith's Shop contains 1 Large Boilermaker's Furnace and 12 Smiths' Forges, fitted with Steam Blowers.

The Iron Foundry contains a Furnace, capable of melting 5 tons, and Brass Furnace for melting half a ton.

Attached to the premises is a Circular Sawmill driven by Steam, capable of cutting logs or planks of any length.

The whole under the Superintendence of experience European Foremen.

All Tools and Materials connected with Machinery kept always on hand.

Copper and Yellow Metal Sheathing, Felt, Pitch Tar, Oakum, Paints, Oils, &c., &c., supplied at market rates.

A powerful Steam Tug, of 190 Horse power is always in readiness to tow Vessels to and from the Docks, or to Sea.

For Dock Charges, or further particulars, apply to Mr. D. LAPRAIK, Hongkong, or to G. N. MINTO Manager, Whampoa.

tf Hongkong, 4th January, 1864.

DANES ISLAND DOCKS, WHAMPOA.

CONDUCTED BY GOW & Co.

ONE Dock, 240 feet long, can take in Vessels drawing 14 feet, at Spring Tides.

One Dock, 160 feet long, can take in Vessels drawing 11 feet, at Spring Tides.

There are Houses at both Docks for the accommodation of Captains and Crews of Vessels.

All kinds of Ship, and Blacksmiths Work done.

The Large Dock pumped out by an Engine.

The Proprietors beg to notify the Merchants, Ship Owners, and Captains, that their charges for Docking are lower than any in China.

Apply to
G. HARPER & Co., *Hongkong*; or to
Mr. JAMES BADENOCH, *Manager, Whampoa.*

tf Hongkong, 4th September, 1863.

LAMONT'S DOCK, ABERDEEN.

THIS DOCK, built of GRANITE, has been in thorough Working Order for nearly Two Years. It is 335 feet Long, with a Breadth inside the Coping Stone of 78 feet, and a Depth of 22 feet. At Spring Tides, the Depth of water on the Sill of the Dock is 18 to 18½ feet, and at Neap Tides, from 15 to 16 feet.

Attached to the Dock are ENGINEERS' WORKSHOPS, with LATHES of all Sizes; PLANING, PUNCHING, and SHEARING MACHINES of the best description; a Large FOUNDRY, SAW-MILLS with both Vertical and Circular Saws; a powerful STEAM HAMMER; and every Requisite and Appliance for the REPAIR OF VESSELS, both of Wood and Iron;—the whole under the Superintendence of EUROPEAN FOREMEN.

For particulars regarding DOCKING and other CHARGES, apply at East Point, or at Aberdeen.

JOHN LAMONT.

Hongkong, April 10. 1863

HONGKONG ICE ASSOCIATION 1864-1865.

THE Subscriber's List will lie at the Chartered Mercantile Bank for signature for one month from date.

A single share represents a permissial consumption of lbs. 10 of Ice a day, or say lbs. 300 a month. Two Shares lbs. 600 a month and so on.

The maximum number of shares to be taken in one name is Twenty, which will enable the holder to all Ice he may require at subscriber's price.

Deposit—$30 per Share.

1m Hongkong, 10th March, 1861.

EVENINGS AT HOME.

MR. J. R. BLACK, whose Entertainments of "National Melodies," have been given throughout the Australian Colonies, in the Island of Ceylon, in Madras, and throughout Bengal, the North-West Provinces, and the Punjab; and by the Press and people declared to be the best ever given in these respective countries; and which have been honoured by the Patronage and repeated attendance of the respective Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, or other rulers, with the *elite* of Society in every place, receiving at Simla the special patronage of His Excellency the late EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, K.T., Viceroy and Governor-General of India,—has the honour to intimate that he will shortly visit Hongkong, and give a short Series of Entertainments.

Further particulars on arrival.

tf Hongkong, 27th February, 1861.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the notice published in this paper on the 8th January, continuing in its subsequent issues; and separate hand-bills issued on the 9th idem, describing the numbers of Bank Notes for $1,000, reported to have been lost, I hereby notify, that Notes for $600 of the following numbers have been found:—

Six Notes of "Chartered Mercantile Bank" for $100 each,—
Nos. 1658, 1269, 3539, 3260, 1152, 2611.

Two Notes of "Oriental Bank" for $50 each,—
Nos. 5398, 5899.

One Note of "Chartered Bank of India Australia & China" for $100,—
No. 479.

And the Notes for $200, described below are still not found:—

One Note of "Chartered Mercantile Bank" for $100 each,—
No. 1701.

Two Notes of "Oriental Bank" for $50 each,—
Nos. 1952, 5819.

H. M. PADSA,
Care of
Messrs. JAMSETJEE JEEJEEBHOY & Co.

tf Hongkong, 5th March, 1864.

NETHERLAND'S CONSULATE,

CANTON, *8th February*, 1864.

THE undersigned has been instructed to publish, that the usual Government Sales of Coffee at Padang, will take place in the months of March, June, September, and December, of current year.

Particulars may be obtained from the Netherland's Consulates at Canton and Hongkong.

J. DES AMORIE VANDER HOEVEN,
His Netherland Majesty's Consul for China

WING KEE,

HONGKONG,
Endicott's Bazaar, No. 15.
Has for Sale Coals of all kinds.

Captains and Agents of Steamers are respectfully requested to call and examine the Stock of Coals at the above Hong before making their purchases elsewhere.

12m Hongkong, 14th August, 1863.

In re the Estate of the late Captain ANDREW MURRAY.

ALL persons indebted to the above Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all claims against the Estate must be forwarded to the undersigned before the 30th day of June, 1864.

ARTHUR SASSOON,
GEORGE A. F. NORRIS,
Executors.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1864.

DEPARTURE OF STEAMERS.

The "Granada," leaves for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochowfoo, to-morrow, at 9 A.M. *Mails close at* 8 A.M.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Johns Cathedral on 24th March, by the Revd. J. J. Jurin Colonial Chaplain, EDWARD DENTON FAVIERS, of Messrs. JARDINE MATHESON, & Co. to Miss MARY ANN MULFORD, of Kingston, Somersetshire.

$250 REWARD

IS offered for information that will lead to the arrest of JAMES WHITE *the murderer of* SAMUEL WEBSTER, *who broke jail* this morning. He is about 5 feet 5 or 6 in. in height, thin in flesh, although stoutly built. He has red hair, light eyes, white eyebrows, and no beard.

GEO. F. SEWARD,
U. S. Consul General.

Shanghai, 1th February, 1864.

Bound Volumes of the "CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT" FOR 1863.

Price—$12.

Apply at the Office of this paper.

CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY, FOR CHINA, JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES FOR 1864.

This work will be issued in Two Parts
PART I. NOW READY.
The SECOND PART will appear in a few days.
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Hongkong, 22nd Feb., 1864.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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NOTICE.

At a meeting held at the Club House this afternoon, Mr. C. W. Murray in the chair, it was resolved to invite Mr. Douglas Lapraik to a Public Dinner previous to his departure for England by the mail of 1st April.

The following Gentlemen agreed to act as a committee, viz.

Hon. W. F. Mercer Esq.
" F. Chowdley Esq.
" C. W. Murray Esq.
H. B. Gibb Esq.
Wm. Lamond Esq.
H. Kingsmill Esq.
Albert Heard Esq.
W. Delano Jr. Esq.
Thos. Sutherland Esq.
H. Noble Esq.
E. H. Pellard Esq.
W. Ormiston Esq.
M. Fischer Esq.
W. Nissen Esq.
R. C. R. Owen Esq.
Joseph Hayes Esq.
N. R. Masson Esq.
Adam Scott Esq.
G. F. Norris Esq.
D. Ruttunjee Esq.

A Sub. Committee was appointed to confer with Mr. LAPRAIK on the subject.

It has been arranged that the Dinner shall take place on Wednesday, the 30th Instant in the "Victoria Exchange" at 7 o'clock.

Subscription Lists will be for signature at the following places.

Agra & United Service Bank.
Hongkong Club.
Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co.

The List will be closed on Monday the 28th Instant at noon.

HENRY NOBLE.
Hony. Sec.

tf Hongkong 23rd March, 1864.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 25TH MARCH, 1864.

TO-DAY being Good Friday, our compositors have a holiday and consequently there will be no issue of this paper to-morrow. We shall publish a slip with the shipping intelligence and any other information of an interesting or of a pressing nature.

THROUGH the reprehensible apathy of our authorities, a serious act of pilferage has been committed on the fountain presented to the colony by Mr. John Dent. The boxes containing the fabric were landed and left on the road in the front of the cricket ground unwatched and unheeded. The thieves soon discovered that some of the figures contained metal pipes, and lost no time in mutilating the statuary in order to procure the same. The main figure which forms the summit of the design, is so arranged that the water runs through its arm, and filling an urn or vase which it holds in its hand, forms the apparent source of the stream. This arm has been destroyed by the thieves in order to obtain the small piece of pipe which it contained. What is being done about it we do not know, but we think that Mr Dent should be allowed the opportunity of making good the defect.

There seems to be a fatality attending every thing which our authorities touch, and whether to condemn the more, the Vandalism of the thieves in stealing the pipe, or the culpable carelessness of our authorities for placing it in their way, we cannot make up our minds to decide. Hunger may excuse the thief, but we know not where to find an excuse for the authorities.

And whilst on the subject of this fountain—we would call the attention of our readers to the barbarous incapacity of our Surveyor General. A few yards to the East of the fountain, the basin will be seen lying—a massive concern weighing, we should think about four or five tons. The structure, it will be observed, is covered with a heavy scaffolding a gentle incline leading up to it. The idea is to have the basin carried up by a gang of coolies, and popped in its place. The expense of the scaffolding, and the time occupied in arranging it, must have been considerable. The boatswain of a man of war with twenty good hands, could, we are sure, have rigged shears in three days, which would have put the basin in its place in an hour. This is the way the money goes.

THERE is no doubt whatever that it is the present intention of the government to erect the mint in Causeway Bay, beyond East Point. It will matter very little to us personally, if the Mint were placed on the summit of the Peak, but we must take leave to record our conviction that they who have recommended this site of Causeway bay, must be perfectly ignorant of the practical working of a Mint. Should the currency of the British dollar be established, silver will be sent to Hongkong, from all parts of the world. Now how will this silver be dealt with by the parties who receive it?

In the first place it will be sent to the Mint and assayed in its rotation. A certificate of its purity, weight, and value will be given on a printed form, which should become a negociable instrument at any of the Banks. It must not be supposed, that each party taking silver to the Mint will receive dollars made of the very silver which he may take—not at all. The process of minting must be conducted steadily and regularly. The assaying of all metal to test its value, is but a small portion of the functions of the mint. The pure silver has to be mixed with the requisite quantity and quality of alloy, and then rolled into plates, which have to be cut by the taps and dies. The pieces cut off have to be melted along with more silver containing the requisite alloy. In London a cheque is generally given for the nett value of metal sent to the mint after the assay is ascertained.

The Banks here must therefore be in constant communication with the Mint—the public may possibly manage through the Banks. Let the reader then fancy the trouble, annoyance, loss of time and risk in sending treasure to the Mint in Causeway bay, and in waiting to send the returns up the coast—the Banks may have to send for the dollars and have them packed—they will charge for all this trouble and will not consider silver available until assayed. Why it seems to us that the Banks will monopolise the business, and that the general public will be so much inconvenienced by dealing with the Mint direct, that the Banks will derive all the advantages.

The mistake, if persevered in will be a fatal one, we feel sure, Kowloon would have been far nearer and better. The idea emanates from the Surveyor General, the bane of the colony, and is worthy of him. We regret to see the colony bound to perdition, but that it is going fast that way we entertain no doubt whatever, and although most of the residents agree with us, or nearly all we have spoken to on the subject, still not a hand is extended, nor a voice raised to prevent the catastrophe.

East Point is notoriously out of the way of business. We have repeatedly heard members of the eminent firm which is identified with the locality, express their regret at their isolation: and it is a fact that to oblige the public they opened accounts at the Banks—where money can be paid in and drawn out. Here he have proof of the out of the way locality of the site selected; what more should be required?

VERILY these Customs mercenaries are unscrupulous grasping customers. The Meritens bonding shed job displays beautifully the complexion of the times—and the following history of the steamer *Undine's* detention at Foochow, exhibits in shining colors the nature of the bonding shed job.

The steamer *Undine* reached the Pagoda anchorage Foochow on Wednesday, the 16th instant at 3 P.M. The following morning, Thursday, the vessel was duly entered at the Custom House, and that same night lighters arrived alongside to convey the cargo to Foochow. The following morning, Friday, the discharge commenced, and was completed the same day about 3 P.M. The next morning at 10 o'clock, Saturday the 19th, the whole of the cargo was alongside the Custom house at Foochow; after the outturn was found to agree with the manifest, which had been furnished on arrival, the grand chop was applied for. It was refused on the plea that a small lot of Sandalwood had not been weighed.

Now this pretext was a bad one; for hitherto, in the first place, such goods had been passed without weighing, provided there was no reason to suspect fraud; and in the second place, as the Custom House officers had possession of the Sandalwood, there was no reason to detain the steamer whilst it was being weighed.

However the wood was weighed with all speed, and the Grand Chop again applied for. The second pretext for its refusal was the allegation that 26 *taels* duty was still due on the entire cargo, which being in the possession of the Customs officers could surely have been detained for its own liability. The 26 *taels* being paid by the agents of the ship, the pretext next alleged for the refusal of the Grand Chop, was that it was past office hours.

The matter then became serious, and it would appear that the agent of the vessel obtained an interview with the Baron de Meritens, who either promised, or led the agent to expect, *as a special favor* the surrender of the Grand Chop the following day, Sunday. The pretext for denying this favor was that some of the duties were still unpaid, the amount whereof was subsequently ascertained to be 2 mace some odd candareens.

On Monday the 21st instant no more pretexts for delay appearing desirable, the Grand chop was granted and the *Undine* left Foochow. So that in plain English, she was detained from Wednesday until Monday for the purpose of doing that which the Canton steamers do between from three to four o'clock in the afternoon until eight or nine the following morning.

These obstructions were palpably, we think we may say ostensibly, thrown in the way, solely because the agent of the *Undine* refused to pass the cargo through Baron de Meritens's bonded sheds—for, when the pretext of weighing the Sandalwood was thrown in the way, the obstructive mercenary in charge stated that "the steamer *Carthage* had made use "of the bonded sheds, and had been allowed to "clear at once," or words to that precise tenor and effect—unmistakeably implying, that if the *Undine* had done the same, she would in like manner have been cleared.

The circumstances under which the agents of the *Carthage* had made use of the bonded sheds were so peculiar, that they should be recorded in illustration of this shameful job. The portion of the *Carthage's* cargo deliverable at Foochow, was 75 pkgs.—which were so small, that a boat, belonging to the agents of that vessel, carried them all. Dispatch being an object, they were conveyed to the bonded sheds, but it should be stated that there being no proper wharf and the tide being low, the boat grounded in the mud and the crew had actually to carry the goods into the shed.

What Baron de Meriten's ideas of the bonded system, may be we are at a loss to imagine. If he had a bonded shed at the Custom House Foochow, there would be some sense in the arrangement, because so soon as a vessel should have discharged her cargo into it according to her manifest, she would be entitled to her clearance, and the owners of the goods could pay duty and take delivery at convenience; but who ever heard of a bonded store situated twelve miles from the place of distination? Why under the most favorable circumstances, a second landing and transhipment of the goods are inevitable, because there is no mode of conveying goods from the bonded sheds to Foochow except by water. It is absurd to attempt to compel the agents of steamers to make use of the Baron's sheds, because should they do so, the Chinese shippers will shun them, as the operation would saddle the goods with the double transhipment as well as with the excessive tariff of rent charged.

The old system of guarantees, it is not even pretended was objectionable. In fact there has been no pretext put forward for the establishment of the bonding shed job, except the profitable result of a land speculation. There is no guard provided, no security whatever offered to parties placing property in the sheds. To be sure there is an European Godown keeper, whose house was gutted by robbers a little time ago without his cognizance until after daylight broke. We repeat there is neither wharf, lighter, nor security. We have good reason to believe, should any property of value be landed in the sheds, that it stands a good chance of being carried off by gang robbers, and we are perfectly convinced that the whole affair is a mere job.

It is most absurd that steamers plying hence to Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow, should be compelled to go through all the forms and trouble of entering and clearing at each and every place, each and every time they visit or leave it, whilst steamers hence to Canton should be able to make daily trips without clearing at all. Where on earth is the difference? The fact is simply this, that Messrs Russell & Co. being deeply interested in the steam communication with Canton, had sufficient influence to prevent its destruction by the impracticable obstructiveness of either Mandarin or mercenary. The subject is a very important one, and we think should engage the attention of the Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE.

Just Landed.

Cottage PIANOS.
One Grand ditto.

The above by *Doring* of Hamburg and warranted to stand the climate.

Also.

An assortment of Meerschaum Pipes.
Also,
German Accordeons.

C. WAGNER,
22, *Hollywood Road.*

1m Hongkong, 19th February, 1864.

AN Invoice of GALVANIZED and CORRUGATED SHEET IRON with Nails and Screws.
Apply to
WALKER, BORRADAILE & Co.

tf Hongkong, 10th October, 1863.

EX MAIL STEAMER.

FANCY SILK DRESSES, in new colours, at $14 to $30 per dress.

Black GLACE SILKS, at 75 cents to $3 per yard.

A select assortment of TRIMMED BONNETS and HATS.

French KID GLOVES, at 50 cents per pair.

Rich TAFFETA RIBBONS, in every shade of colour.

THOS. PEACOCK.

tf Hongkong, 1st February, 1864.

GENUINE KYAPOOTY OIL, in quart bottles
Apply at
No. 71, Wellington Street, Upstairs.

tf Hongkong, 30th January, 1864.

A Serviceable Good BOAT, nearly new, whale boat ends,—30 feet long, suitable for a ship or house boat,—with Oars, Mast, Sail, Houseawning, &c., complete.

Apply at the Office of this paper.

tf Hongkong, 30th December, 1863.

A VERY handsome assortment of Japanese ware, in IVORY, TORTOISE SHELL and Lacquered and—must be sold quickly.

RAY, & Co.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1864.

BASS' ALE in hhds., PORTER in hhds "ALE" and PORTER in bottles, English HAY.

CHAS. H. MORGAN.

tf Hongkong, 23d June, 1863.

BEST *English* and *Welsh* STEAM COAL in Store and to arrive.
Apply to
MAX. FISCHER.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1863.

CASTOR Oil for Engine purposes, in cases of 20 gallons each.
Apply to
J. S. HOOK.

tf Hongkong, 23rd December, 1863.

A Splendid Cottage PIANO, by Playel, Paris.
Apply to
HESSE, EHLERS & Co.

tf Hongkong, 16th February, 1864.

CAMPOS' FREIGHT TABLES.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.

1m Hongkong, 1st March, 1864.

HENNESSEY'S BRANDY.
Martell's do.
J. Robin & Co.'s do.
Duff & Gordon's Sherry.
Perez, Pinto & Co.'s do.
Bass' Beer, in pints and quarts.
Guiness' Stout, in do. do.
Barclay's Porter, in do.. do.
Soup and Bouilli, in 6 lbs. tins.
Boiled Beef, in do. do.
Assorted Soups and Meats, in 2 lbs. tins.

RAY & Co.

tf Hongkong, 22nd February, 1864.

For Sale by the undersigned, per *Alchymist, Patrician, Queen's Own, Others,* and other late Arrivals.

RIM and Mortice, Door Locks, ass. sizes.
Coach and Monkey Wrenches.
Screw Drivers, Shoals assorted.
Sledge and Engineer's Hammers, assorted.
Top Mauls, Cold Punches, and Chisels.
Axes, Hatchets, Caulking Irons,
Waffle Irons, assorted. Handcuffs, Chisels.
Gimblets, &c.
Copper and Iron Tacks, Iron and Com. Spikes from 4 to 7 inches.
Iron and Galv.-Thimbles, Clews and Hooks.
Copper Rods, assorted sizes.
Bar Steel.
Round Iron.
Copper Plates.
Sheet Lead.
Cambooses.
Parlor Stoves.
Family Cooking Stoves.
Paints—Zinc, Peacocks, Black, Blue, Green, Yellow. Bridge Water, White Lead, Red Lead, Black Lead, or Plumbago Chalk.
Burnt and Raw Umber.
Boiled and Raw Oil.
Pomice Stone.
Yellow Ochre and Lamp Black.
Black, Bright and Copal Varnish.
Brushes,—Paint, Scrub and Dust Tube Brushes, assorted sizes.
Hemp, Flax and Rubber Packing.
Cotton Waste, Lines, Log, Hand and Deep Sea.
Emery Powder, assorted.
Emery Cloth and Sand Paper.
Nautical Almanacs for 1864 and 1865.
Castile, Yellow and Salt Water Soap.
Water Filters and Coolers, assorted sizes.
Mappins Extra Plated Ware..
Overland Trunks.
Pump Sole and Rigging Leather.
Fairbanks Scales, from 600 to 2,500 lbs.
Sherry, Port, Brandy and Bitters.
Sills Butter.
Crosse & Blackwell's Oilman's Stores, consisting of Pickles, Hams, Vinegar, Salt, Capers, Raisins, Isinglass, Gelatine, Maccaroni, Vermicilli, Almonds, Arrowroot, Sauces, Mustard, Pepper, &c., &c.
Bints Water Crackers, Split Peas and Beans.
Mackerels, in kitts and ½ bbls.
Tripe, in ½ bbls.
Cream Tartar, Saleratus, Soda and Spices, ass.
Corn Meal, Hominony.
Starch for family washing purposes.
Lamps and Lanterns, of all sizes and description.
Townsend Sarsaparilla.

THOS. HUNT & Co.

tf Hongkong, 1st February, 1864.

JUST LANDED EX "*PATRICIAN*," AND FOR SALE AT H. DUDDELL & Co.'s Show Rooms, over THE VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

AN Invoice of Superior English MANUFACTURED FURNITURE consisting of—Drawing Room Suites, Dining Tables Dinner Waggons, Marble Top, Wash Stand, Dressing Tables, Side Boards, Card Tables, Mirrors, Chests of Drawers, Wardrobes with Mirrrors, Bed Room Chairs.

&c., &c., &c.

Also,

2 superior Basket Carriages, with Harness complete.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1864.

ex "Treax," and "Red Riding Hood."

SUPERIOR quality DINNER SERVICES.
Do. DESSERT do.
Lacquered TABLE LAMPS.
Cut-Glass Decanters.
Patent French SYPHON COFFEE PERCOLATORS.
&c., &c., &c.

BOWRA & Co.

tf Hongkong, 24th November, 1863.

FOR SALE.

DAVID Corsar and Sons, Canvas and Twine.
Russian Rope.
Paints, Linseed Oil and Turpentine.
Manila Rope.
Vivian's and Rodger and Sons Yellow Metal and Composition Nails.
Tennent's Ale and brown Stout.

OXFORD & Co.

tf Hongkong, 3rd November, 1863.

5000 Feet Pine and Fir Timber Plank and Board, from 1 inch thick up to 4 inches square.

25,000—Cubic Feet Teak Timber, Planks and Boards, from ½ inch thick up to 14 inches square.

SHIPS SPARS.—From 3 inches to 24 inches at partness.

BOWSPRIT PIECES, from 18 to 24 inches.

SHIPS KNEES pieces from 12 to 18 inches.

For Sale in lots to Suit.
"HONGKONG TIMBER YARD."
Wanchai,
Next to Messrs. S. E. BURROWS & SON'S *Godowns.*

Just received ex "Rifleman."

HAMS and CHEESE, in prime condition.
BRANDY, and WINES, &c.

J. B. WATSON,
Stag Hotel, Queen's Road

Hongkong, 21st November, 1863.

Just Landed and for Sale.

SPARS, from 5 inches diam. to 28, in diff. lengths; 3,000 feet OAK, 25 feet in length, —15 in. square; 2,000 feet MOLAVA, from 12 in. to 24 in. square. Will be sold in lots to suit purchasers, *at the most reasonable prices.*

Apply to
A. McDONALD,
Shipwright,
Adjoining the Gas Works.

tf Hongkong, 23rd February, 1864.

Just arrived and for Sale.

SUPERIOR HOCK, in 1-doz. cases, (Farina. Best SELTZER WATER, in 2-doz. stone bottles.
VERMOUTH, Rivoire Freres.
Assorted LIQUORS, do. do.
OLIVE OIL, Plagniol.
VINEGAR, in hogsheads.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

tf Hongkong, 5th May 1863.

PATHAM'S BRANDY in 1 doz. cases
" SHERRY " 3 "
" PORT " 2 "
" CLARET " 1 "

BIRLEY & Co.

ENGLISH and RUSSIAN ROPE, from 2½ to 6 inches.

White Lead, White Zinc Paint, Red Lead, Turpentine, Bright Varnish, and Pitch.

Martell's Pale Cognac Brandy, in quarter-casks.

Sheet Lead, Sheet Zinc, and Corrugated Iron.
Apply to
SEVERS & Co.

tf Hongkong, 10th February, 1864.

GRISLER'S CHAMPAGNE, in cases of 1-doz. quarts, and 2-doz. pints.

SHERRY and BRANDY, in casks.
Apply to
SEVERS & Co.

tf Hongkong, 10th February, 1864.

YACHT FOR SALE.

THE "*Water Sprite,*" 9½ Tons, Coppered and Copper-fastened, Winner of the "Admirals' Cup," in November, 1862.

Apply at the Office of Harbour Master.

tf Hongkong, 21st January, 1864.

MISS GARRETT has just received direct *from Paris*, a large assortment of GOODS, in the latest styles, consisting of,—
Bonnets.
Hats, of different styles.
White Kid Boots.
Light Colored Kid Gloves.
Parasols and Umbrellas,
Gentlemen's Boots.
Hats for Gentlemen.
Ball Dresses, &c., &c.,
of which an inspection is solicited.

tf Hongkong, 27th January, 1864.

CORRUGATED GALVANIZED IRON ROOFING.
Apply to
BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.

tf Hongkong, 1st October, 1863.

A Four Wheeled BASKET CARRIAGE for one Pony, with a Set of Single Harness, both nearly new.
Apply to Office of this paper

tf Hongkong, 27th May, 1863.

CALCUTTA New GUNNOY BAGS, in bales 25 bags each.
Apply at No. 71, Wellington Street Upstairs.

tf Hongkong, 30th January, 1864.

JUST LANDED,
and for Sale by the Undersigned,
ex Clipper *Red Ridinghood,*
IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

BEST YORK HAMS.
Sides of English BACON.
Cirasses, in bladder.
BUTTER, in jars and kegs, for family use.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1863.

FRESH PATNA GRAM, of best quality, in bags of 160 lbs. or 120 catties each.
Fresh Patna Oats, in bags of 120 lbs. each.
Fine Patna Table Rice, in bags of 160 lbs. or 120 catties.

also,

Calcutta Sealing Wax, suitable for Overland Letters; Treasure Boxes, and Wax for Bottling Purposes, in boxes of 25, one pound bundles each.
Apply at
No. 71, Wellington Street, Upstairs.

tf Hongkong, 30th January, 1864.

SNUFF!! SNUFF!! SNUFF!!!

BEST PRINCES MIXTURE, just received and for Sale, at the "STAG HOTEL" BAR.

tf Hongkong, 12th November, 1863.

HARMONIUM (*Alexandre et Fils*), 13 stops percussion action, splendid tone, for sale.

Also,

A Large MARQUEE, calico, quite new, 60 feet by 30.

Apply immediately at the
VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

tf Hongkong, 19th January 1864.

FINE OLD PORT, in 1-doz. cases, at $9
VERY SUPERIOR SHERRY, in 1-doz. cases, at $10.

Apply to A., at the Office of this paper.

tf Hongkong, 22nd January, 1864.

COPPER SHEATHING, and *Muntz* YELLOW METAL SHEATHING.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1862.

FOR SALE.

A number of new CHARTS of the China Seas, Australia, Bay of Bengal, Pacific Ocean, and all the intermediate Channels and Rivers on a large scale with books to accompany them. A Horsburg's DIRECTORY—A CHRONOMETER, Two Magnificent Oil PAINTINGS, by Edwin Cockburn "Burns first Court-ship," and "The Cot on Saturday night," and a Magnificent FOWLING PIECE.

Apply to
CAPT. COCKBURN,
British Barque "*Ascendant*";
or to
MESSRS. WALKER, BORRADAILE & Co.

tf Hongkong, 14th March, 1864.

SULPHURIC ACID, in cases of 160 lb net.
Apply "E. and S.," at the Office of this paper.

tf Hongkong, 16th November, 1863.

Just Received ex "*Benefactress,*"
At H. DUDDELL & Co.'s
Victoria Exchange.

5 Light Handsome BASKET CARRIAGES with Harness complete.

tf Hongkong, 1st February 1864.

Just Received ex "Albers."

GENUINE SARATOGA, SPRING WATER, in pints.
Hominy, Cornstarch, Essences for Flavoring.
Sills Butter, in prime order.
No. 1, Mackrells, in kits.
Family Beef and Pork, in ½ and ¼ barrels.
Washing Soda, Kerosine Lamps, and Oil.
Smith & Wessons Revolvers and Cartridges.
Platform Scales, &c., &c.

ex "Flying Spur," and recent arrivals.

Bass' Pale Ale, in quarts and pints, by Stone, Geo. Jones, and other bottlers, in prime condition.
London Stout, and Porter, in quarts and pints.
Bass' Ale, in hogsheads, barrels, and kilderkins.
Hennesy's and Martell's Pale Brandy.
Sherry and Port, of every description, from $6 to $15 per doz.
Complete assortments of Oilman's Stores, for family use.

&c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

tf Hongkong, 17th March, 1864.

INTIMATIONS.

WE publish the following at the request of H. I. M. Consul at Canton.

AVIS OFFICIEL.

LEGATION DE FRANCE.

REDUCTIONS DANS LES TARIFS.

Le soussignè, Ministre Plènipotentiaire, Chargè (a. i.) du Consulat Gènèral de France au Japon, à l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de M. M. les Nègocians Français, les pièces que le Gouvernement Japonais vient de lui adresser pour sanction des rèductions de droits arrêtées et qui entrerons en vigueur le 8 de ce mois a Yokohama, et le 8 Mars dans les autres ports.

(Signe) DU CHESNE DE BELLECOURT.

Yokohama, 5 Février, 1664.

(L.)

Piece No. 1.

Les Ambassadeurs Japonais, au Ministre de France.

Nous avons l'honneur de faire parvenir ci-oint à Votre Excellence la dèclaration du Gorojio par la quelle Leurs Excellences adhèrent aux mesures prises le 18e. jour du 12e. mois, (26 Janvier 1864), entre Votre Excellence et les Commissaires du Gouvernement Takenoutchi Simodzoukè no Kami & Matsdaïra Iwami no Kami, au sujet des modifications dans les droits sur les vins, autres boissons et spiritueux et sur les articles de Paris.

Le 28e. jour du 12e. mois de la 3e. année de Boun-Kiou.

(Signe) IKEDA TSIKOUNGO NO KAMI.
KAWATSOU IDZOU NO KAMI.
KAWADA SAGAMI NO KAMI.

(Pour Copie Conforme a la Traduction:)
L'interprete de la Legation,
Alphonse J. Van der Voo.

Piece No. 2.

Yeddo, le 4 Janvier, 1864.

Le Gorojio au Ministre de France. (No. 266.)

Nous avons à communiquer par la présente ce qui suit:

Dans le courant de l'année dernière nous avons envoyé des Ambassadeurs auprès de Votre Cour Impérial afin de conférer avec les autorités de Votre Empire, au sujet de l'ajournement de l'ouverture au Commerce de deux de nos villes et ports inscrits dans le Traté. Il y a eu entente à ce sujet et l'on a demandé une diminutions des droits des articles importés.

D'après cette demande nous diminuerons jusqu'à 5 ⁰/₀ les droits sur les *vins* ⁋ *liquides* et *spiritueux*, sur les *montres & chaines &* sur la *verrerie;* jusqu'à 6⁰/₀ pour *bijouterie* (ornemens pour parures) *glaces et miroirs. parfumerie* et *savonsarmes, coutellerie, librairie,* articles de *papeterie* et *dessin.* Ces rèductions entreront en vigueur à Kanagawa, le premier jour de notre premier mois, (8 Fevrier 1864), et à Nagasaki et Hakodadi le premier de notre deuxième mois (8 Mars 1864.)

Outre les articles ci-dessus désignés, les droits seront encore diminués pour plusieurs autres, d'après la liste ci-annexée et ces rèductions entreront également en vigueur aux mêmes dates.

Nous portons ceci à votre connaissance, avec respect et considérations, le 27e. jour du 12e. mois de la 3e. année de Boun-Kiou, (4 Janvier 1864.)

(Signe) ITAKOURA SOUO NO KAKI.
INOWOHE RAWATSI NO KAMI.

Pour traductions conforme,
L'interprete de la Legation de France.
Alphonse J. Van der Voo.

Piece No. 3.

Apnexe a la lettre du Gorojio. (No. 266.)

LISTE DES ARTICLES REDUITS.

Machines et parties de machines droguèries et mèdecines.

(*N.B.*—La prohibition de l'importation de l'opium est maintenue en toute sa force d'apres le traite actuel.)

Fer en barres et en lingots,
Fer blanc, tole et fil de fer,
Sucre blanc, (en pains et concassé.)

Tous ces articles seront admis contre le droit rèduit à 5⁰/₀.

Les articles suivans à l'usage de la prèparation et de l'emballage de thès seront libres de droits d'entrée.

Plomb en feuilles,
Soudures de plomb'
Nattes,
Rotins.
Huiles pour peintures,
Indigo,
Platres,
Bassines,
Paniers.

Pour traduction conforme
L'interprete de la Legation de France,
Alphonse J. Van der Voo.

LEGATION DE FRANCE.

REDUCTIONS DE TARIFS

Le soussigne, Ministre Plenipotentiaire, Charge (A. I.) du Consulat General de France, au Japon, a l'honneur de porter a la connaissance de M. M. les negociants Français, les pieces que le Gouvernement Japonais vient de lui adresser pour sanction des reductions de droits qu'il vient de consentir et qui entreront en vigueur le 8 de ce mois a Yokohama, et le 8 Mars dans les autres ports.

Signe DU CHESNE DE BELLECOURT

Yokohama, 5 Février 1864.

(L. S.)

Piece 1

YOKOHAMA, le 5 Fevrier, 1864.

LES AMBASSADEURS JAPONAIS,
AU MINISTRE DE FRANCE.

Nous avons l'honneur de faire parvenir ci-joint a Votre Excellence la declaration du Gorogio par laquelle Leurs Excellences adhèrent aux mesures prises le 8e

ACCIDENTS AND OFFENCES.

BURGLARY.—On Tuesday night some thieves managed to effect an entrance to the Godowns of Messrs. Smith, Kennedy and Co. but were unsuccessful in carrying off any property. The burglars got through the roof by removing some of the tiles, and then let themselves down by a rope made fast to one of the rafters of the building. The police in searching the premises found some house breaking implements and Chinese clothing on the roof, which however gave no clue to the perpetrators.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

ALL Notices for Burials must be sent to the undersigned by 11 A.M. of the day of intended interment, for transmission to the Colonial Chaplain, otherwise they cannot be attended to till the following day.

C. COLLINS,
Acting Sexton.
tf Hongkong, 5th November, 1863.

THE "STAG HOTEL,"
Stanley Street, Queen's Road Central.

J. B. WATSON, having just re-built and greatly enlarged the above Establishment, Visitors will find it replete with every comfort.
The sleeping apartments are comfortable and airy, commanding a view of the harbour.
A commodious Billiard Room attached, with two First-class English Billiard Tables.

Wines, Spirits, &c., of the best quality.

TABLE D'HOTE AT 6 P.M.
Hongkong, 12th October, 1863.

ST. SAVIOURS SCHOOL,
Pottinger Street corner of Wellington Street.

IT is most respectfully intimated to Parents and Guardians, that, the New School lately erected in Pottinger Street corner of Wellington Street, in a style suitable to the wants of the climate and managed with a view of meeting the peculiar want of this Commercial Colony, is now in full operation.

The system of tuition adopted in these Schools is purely Commercial, Arithmetic, Book-keeping-Geometry, Geography, History, Grammar, Composition, Foreign Languages, Music, and Drawing, are taught by proficient resident Masters.—No objection is made to the admission of any Pupil on the score of religion nor will the religious feelings of any pupil be tampered with.

On March next, a suit of large Airy Rooms, will be opened int he same Schools for the reception of Boarder Pupils. To Boys leaving home for the first time, the change will be made as easy as can be by the kindness which shall be shown them and by the exclusion of everything materially coersive.

Further particulars may be known by applying to the Principal T. RAIMONDI, who earnestly desires that communications be made before the 1st of next month.

ST. SAVIOURS SCHOOL,
Hongkong, 6th February, 1864. tf

MARSEILLES.

THE Grand Hotel du Louvre and de la Paix opened at the above Port on the 1st August 1863.

250 Bedrooms, 20 Sittingrooms, Restaurant and Table d'Hote, Smoking and Reading rooms with French and English Newspapers. Interpreters in constant attendance.

The above Hotel is confidently recommended to Passengers by the Overland Route as the best in Marseilles.

☞ *Charges Moderate.*

ECHALLIER & FALQUET,
12m-21y *Proprietors.*

PLUMBING BUSINESS,
In all its Branches.

I respectfully beg to intimate to the Community and Captains of Steam and Sailing Vessels in General, that I have obtained the services of an experienced PLUMBER, and ZINC WORKER &c., direct from England.

A Supply of House and Ship Material connected with the above Branches always on hand. Plunge and Shower Baths for Hot and Cold Water, also lift and force Pumps made to order.

JAMES LOGAN.
tf Hongkong, 21st August, 1863.

TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS.

TENDERS for the EARTHWORK Wanted to be done in laying Pipes in the Streets of Hongkong, for the "Hongkong & China Gas Co."

Apply to

R. C. WITTY,
Engineer and Manager, Gas Works, West Point, Navy Bay.
tf Hongkong, 11th January, 1864.

THE Undersigned having taken over the Business of G. HARPER & Co., Shipwrights, Queen's Road West, beg to solicit a continuance of the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed.

Vessels also Docked and Repaired at Whampoa.

The business will be continued as heretofore under the Style of G. HARPER & Co.

JAMES LOGAN,
JOHN RIACH.

On the same premises Engineering in all its branches, will be carried on by the undersigned only.

JAMES LOGAN.
Hongkong, 21st August, 1863.

INTIMATIONS.

AVIS.
VIEUX COGNIAC FINE CHAMPAGNE
DE
HY. HERNOZANT, BORDEAUX.
CHEZ Messrs. LUTKENS ROESING & Co., Hongkong. Seuls directs consignataires en Chine de la marque de cette maison.

Note: Toates les Eaux-de-vie a cette marque offertes en Chine par d'autres que les consignataires ci-dessus ne proviennent point de la maison HY. HERNOZANT de Bordeaux & n'offrent *aucune garantie de qualite.*

(Sign.) HY. HERNOZANT.

WITH reference to the above the undersigned beg to intimate that they have been appointed Sole Agents in China for the above named firm in Bordeaux, and are consequently alon authorised to offer for Sale the Genuine Mark of their Celebrated Cognac. They are also instructed to prevent the Sale of Spurious imitations on any of the China Markets.

LUTKENS ROESING Co.

NOTICE.

STEAMERS calling at Port Raffles, Labuan, can be coaled with every despatch, there being a large Depot of Coals, and good lighters kept there for that purpose.

MIDDLETON HARRISON & Co.
tf-26aa *Agents Labuan Coal Co. Limited.*

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

THE Undersigned have this day established a Branch of their business, as Merchants and Commission Agents at this Port, under the Management of Mr. WILLIAM ADAMSON.

THE BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED.
tf Hongkong, 1st August, 1863.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN MAHOMED HEERJEE being about to leave the Colony, Mr. MERALLY MAHOMED is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

NURSEY KESSOWJEE & Co.
tf Hongkong, 15th February, 1864.

MR. MURAVUR having sold his interest in the "Restaurant des Freres Provenceaux" to Mr. G. ROCK, who is favourably known for some time in this Colony, for the dinners and parties supplied by him.

The business of the Restaurant will be carried on from this date under the style of

J. MORIN, & G ROCK.

They hope that by strict attention to business they will continue to enjoy the favour of the public of this Colony.

tf Hongkong, 22nd September, 1863.

MR. EUG. BOREL is authorised to sign our Name from this date.

VAUCHER FRERES.
tf2a Shanghai, 1st January, 1863.

MR. CHARLES WILLIAM MATTHEW HUDSON is admitted a Partner in our Firm.

CRAVEN WILSON & Co.
Hankow, 1st July, 1862.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and responsibility of Mr. JACOB WITT in our Firm ceased on the 24th day of November, 1863.

E. AURBACH & Co.
tf Ningpo, 23rd January, 1864.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN HOW CHEVERTON is authorised to sign our Firm in China by procuration.

JOHNSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 19th January, 1864.

NOTICE.

I Have established myself at this Port as *Merchant and Agent.*

G. J. M. MANUK.
tf Hongkong, 4th January, 1864.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established ourselves at this Port as General Merchants and Commission Agents, under the Style of WILSON, CORNABI & Co.

JAS. WILSON.
W. A. CORNABI.
3m-22ja Chefoo, 9th January, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has this day removed to No. 583 Lyndhurst Terrace.

E. R. BELILIOS.
tf, Hongkong, 7th January, 1864.

NOTICE.

SAMUEL H. TALBOT (late of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,) has this day established himself on board the Store Chop *Demerara*, Hongkong Harbour as Ship Chandler and General Commission Agent under the firm of TALBOT & Co.

3m. Hongkong, 11th January, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE Firm of Marsh Boyer & Co. having been dissolved, it is requested that all persons indebted to them will make immediate payment

tf Hongkong, 16th January, 1864.

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES MUSCHAMP VICKERS is this day admitted a partner in our firm.

ADAM SCOTT & Co.
'3m Hongkong, 1st January, 1864.

WE have established a Branch of our Firm at Chefoo, and Mr. J. D. THORBURN will sign our Firm per procuration at that place.

MEADOWS & Co.
tf-28no Tientsin, 2nd November, 1863.

MR. DAVID EASTWOOD will sign our Firm per procuration from date, 16th December, 1863.

PLATT & Co.
6m Tientsin, 31st December, 1863.

I Have established myself at this Port under the Style and Firm of

MATTHAEI & Co.,
as Agent and General Commission Merchant.

CARL MATTHAEI.
tf-22oc Ningpo, October, 1863.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established ourselves as *Merchants & Commission Agents* at this place, under the Firm and style of ISAAC & Co.

EZRA ISAAC.
EZEKIEL ABRAHAM.

ON and after this date Mr. WM. W. ROMINET is no longer authorised to sign for our Firm.

THOS. HUNT & Co.
tf-8do Shanghai, 30th November, 1863.

NOTICE.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing in this Port and Cochinchina between the Undersigned under the Style of REYNVAAN CHABERT & Co. is dissolved by mutual Consent. Mr. A. J. REYNVAAN will sign the name of the firm in liquidation,

WILLIAM REYNVAAN.
ERNEST CHABERT,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1863.

WITH reference to the above, the Undersigned will continue the Business at this Port under style of REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co.

A. J. REYNVAAN.
W. REYNVAAN.
tf Hongkong, 1st January, 1864.

NOTICE.

I Have this day admitted MR. C. MILISCH a Partner in my Firm, and the Business wil hereafter be continued under the name and style of

RAYNAL & Co.

MR. H. EBELL has been authorised to sign the Firm per procuration.

GUST. RAYNAL.
6m Macao, 1st January, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE business hitherto carried on at Hongkong, under the Style and Firm of JOSHUA GUBBAY & Co., will cease on the 31st January inst. All claims against the Firm will be liquidated, and all outstandings realised by Mr. SASSOON D. GUBBAY.

JOSHUA GUBBAY & Co.
tf Hongkong, 21st January, 1864.

THE Firm of DAVIS HUTCHINS & Co. having been dissolved, the undersigned will continue the AUCTION and COMMISSION business at same place of the late Firm under the name and style of DAVIS & Co.

R. D. W DAVIS.
6m-sp21 Shanghai, 1st September, 1864.

THE Firm of Marsh, Boyer & Co., having been dissolved, Mr. H. Marsh will continue the business of Store-keeper, Woollen Draper, &c., in his own name. All parties having any claims on the said Firm, are requested to send them in for liquidation before the 31st of December, 1863. Mr. George Bixby is authorised to sign the same per procuration.

H. MARSH.
tf Hongkong, 7th December, 1863.

THE Business of the undersigned will from this date be carried on under the Style of REYNOLDS & Co., and Mr. J. A. DOS REMEDIOS is duly authorised to sign the same per procuration.

THOS. J. REYNOLDS.
tf-24oc Hongkong, 1st October, 1863.

I Have this day established myself at this Port, as *General Commission Agent & Broker*, under the Style of LANDSTEIN & Co.

WM. R. LANDSTEIN.
tf Hongkong, 1st November, 1863.

I have this day established myself at this port as Tea Inspector, and General Commission Agent, under the style of NORDABY & Co.

G. NORDABY.
tf-20oc Hankow, 15th October, 1863.

WECHSEL, in beliebigen Summenunds Sichten auf die NORD DEUTSCHE BANK VEREINS-BANK in Hamburg werden trassirtvon.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

WE have appointed Mr. J. PETITJEAN our Special Agent in Hongkong, Office 406, Queen's Road, First Floor.

BOVET, BROTHERS & Co.
tf Hongkong, 13th November, 1863.

WE have this day commenced Business in Hongkong as Commission Merchants, under the Style of

M. J. SLOMAN & Co.,
Office No. 2, Stanley Street.
tf Hongkong, 3rd November 1863.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for Lloyds at CANTON and MACAO.

Communications at Macao to be addressed to Mr. E. L. LANZA, H.B.M. Consular Agent there.

GILMAN & Co.
tf Hongkong, 25th April, 1863.

THE interest and responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr. ANDREW BRAND ceased on the 31st December, 1862.

The Partners now are:—ROBERT SMITH, THOMAS DAVID NEAVE, ROBERT RICHARD WESTALL, ROBERT BRAND, and RANDAL HUMPSTON CHAMBERS.

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.
3m-11de China, 21st November, 1863.

MR. ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK is authorised to sign our Firm from this date.

OLYPHANT & Co.
tf China, 5th March, 1863.

MR. GEORGE HARLEY WEBSTER is authorized to sign our firm at Tientsin per procuration.

PHILLIPS MOORE & Co.
tf Hongkong, 14th October, 1863.

THE Undersigned having taken over the business of Messrs. BOWRA & Co. in this Colony from Mr. W. A. BOWRA (who retires from the firm this day) beg to solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto so liberally bestowed.

The business will be carried on as usual under the style of BOWRA & Co.

FRED. M. HARSANT.
G. A. F. NORRIS.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1862.

Vessels Loading

M. signifies loading at Macao. W, at Whampoa.

DESTINATION	NAMES OF VESSEL, AND MASTER		FOR FREIGHT, APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED.
LONDON	Aunt Lizzie.	Crighton	Johnson & Co.	Quick dispatch
LIVERPOOL W	Queen's Own,	Rhynas	Johnson & Co.	Quick dispatch
	Berwickshire,	Thomas	Jardine M. & Co.	Quick dispatch
	Bristow,	Justice	Gibb L. & Co.	Quick dispatch
NINGPO & NAGASAKI	Omara,	Garwood	Johnson &Co.	Quick dispatch
NEW YORK M	Sophia,	Jacobs	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch
BORDEAUX M	Johanna,	Marsen	Oxford & Co.	Quick dispatch
BOMBAY	St. Bernard	Masson	Gilman & Co.	Quick dispatch
(mail str.)	China.	Curling	P. & O. S. N. Co.	1st April, at 2 P.M.
MANILA	San Lorenzo.	Sta. Colonia	Elmenhorst & Sander	Quick dispatch
	General Echague,	Callado	Reynolds & Co.	Quick dispatch
SUEZ &c	Hydaspe, str.	Armstrong	Mess Imperiales,	26th. at Noon.
S.TOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Granada, str.	Cates	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, 9 A.M.
	Undine, str.	Baker	D. Lapraik.	Quick dispatch
SHANGHAI	Bouqueyran,	Froger	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Quick dispatch
S.HAI, C.FOO & TAKU	Sir Harry Parkes,	Cuel	D. Lapraik.	Quick dispatch
S.HAI, C.FOO & TIENTSIN W	Elfin,	Thomas	Elmenhorst & Sander	Quick dispatch
TIENTSIN	Catharina,	Overbeck	E. & J. Meyer.	Quick dispatch
SAN FRANCISCO	Olbers,	Detke	Bosman & Co.	Quick dispatch
	Derby.	Allen	Aug. Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch
	Antonia.	Eisenmenger	Bosman & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MELBOURNE	Snap Dragon,	Briard	Parker & Co.	Quick dispatch
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Lottie Maria	Smart	Stephenson & Co.	Quick dispatch
RIO. JANEIRO W	Ellida.	Rundberg	Bourjau H. & Co.	Quick dispatch
SAIGON	Willie.	Anthony	F. S. Hoek.	Quick dispatch

CIRCULARS.

Steam to Canton.

The "*Hankow*," To-day, at 9 A.M.
The "*White Cloud*," To-morrow, at 8 A.M.
The "*Kin-Shan*," To-morrow, at 9 A.M.

Steam to Macao.

The "*Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy*," To-day, at Noon.
The "*Fame*," To-morrow, at Noon.
The "*Fame*," To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
The "*Hankow*," To-morrow, at 3 P.M.

FREIGHT, OR CHARTER.

THE *A* 1 British Brig

"ALICIA ANNIE,"

Kirby Master, of about 8000 piculs carrying capacity, now under discharge at Macao.

Apply to

OXFORD & Co.
tf Hongkong, 22nd March, 1864.

THE *A* 1 French Barque

"NOUVELLE ANTOINETTE,"

carrying about 9500 piculs dead weight.

Apply to

VAUCHER & Co.
tf Hongkong, 19th March, 1864.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE *A* 1 British Screw Steamer

"CHUSAN,"

of 430 Tons Register.

Apply to

FLETCHER & Co.
1w Hongkong, 19th March, 1864.

THE British Barque

"ETHEL,"

Captain Wylie, of about 8500 piculs carrying capacity.

For Particulars, apply to

D. LAPRAIK.
tf Hongkong, 17th March, 1864.

THE *A* 1 British Barque

"HYDASPES,"

Captain G. Irwin of 504 Tons Register.

Apply to

WALKER BORRADAILE & Co.
tf Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

THE British Barque

"BONANZA,"

Gilchrist Master. Apply to

OXFORD & Co.
tf Hongkong, 15th March, 1864.

THE *A* 1 British Ship

"GLENCOE,"

Captain Hutton, of 746 Tons Register.

Apply to

DENT & Co.
tf Hongkong, 14th March, 1864.

THE *A* 1 British Ship

"SERICA,"

Captain Innes, 767 tons Register. Apply to

BIRLEY & Co.
tf Hongkong, 11th March, 1864.

For Sale.

THE Coppered Teak-built Hulk

"REVENANT,"

with Anchors and Chains, and Heaving down Gear, as she now lies off *Spring Gardens.*

Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.;
or to
S. P HALL & Co.
tf Hongkong, 11th March, 1864.

THE *A* 1 Ship

"GENERAL NEWELL,"

1,000 Tons Register

For urther particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.
tf30, Hongkong, December, 1863.

For Sale, Freight or Charter.

THE *A* 1 Clipper Barque

"CARLOTTA"

of about 11,000 piculs capacity.

Apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.
tf Hongkong, 20th February, 1864.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

FOR SWATOW AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Steamer

"UNDINE,"

Captain Baker, will have quick dispatch for the above ports.

For Freight or passage apply to

D. LAPRAIK.
1w Hongkong, 24th March, 1864.

STEAM TO
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, AND TAKU

THE Steamer

"SIR HARRY PARKES,"

Captain Cuel will have quick dispatch for the above ports.

For freight, or passage apply to

D. LAPRAIK.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1864.

"*BRISTOW*" CAPTAIN JUSTICE
FOR LIVERPOOL.

THIS *A* 1 British barque will have *immediate despatch* for the above port, and has room for about 100 tons general cargo.

For Freight &c. apply to

GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 17th February, 1864.

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, AND TIENTSIN.

THE New British Screw Steamer

"ELFIN,"

will have immediate dispatch as above.

For freight or passage, apply to

ELMENHORST & SANDER.
tf Hongkong, 19th March, 1864.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH,

FOR BOMBAY.

THE British Ship

"ST. BERNARD,"

will be dispatched as above at daylight on the 26th Instant.

GILMAN & Co.
tf Hongkong, 12th March, 1864

FOR TIENTSIN.

Up to the Custom house Jetty.

THE *A* 1 Danish Beig

"CATHARINA,"

Captain Overbeck, will load for the above port and have immediate dispatch.

For Freight apply to

E. & J. MEYER.
tw Hongkong, 19th March, 1864.

FOR LONDON.

THE *A* 1 12 years Ship

"AUNT LIZZIE."

of 536 Tons Register, will load as above, and receive quick dispatch.

For Freight, apply to

JOHNSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

FOR SAIGON.

THE *A* 1 British Clipper Brig

"WILLIE,"

Anthony Master, will load for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For freight or passage, apply to

J. S. HOOK.
tf Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

FOR MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

THE *A* 1 British Ship

"LOTTIE MARIA,"

Captain Smart, having a great portion of her cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

STEPHENSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 14th March, 1864.

FOR MANILA Direct.

THE Spanish Barque

"GENERAL ECHAGUE,"

will have immediate dispatch as above.

For freight or passage, apply to

REYNOLDS & Co.
tf Hongkong, 12th March 1864.

FOR NINGPO AND NAGASAKI.

THE British Schooner

"OMARA,"

will have quick dispatch as above.

For freight apply to

JOHNSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 12th March, 1864.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE *A* 1 French Barque

"BOUQUEYRAN,"

Froger Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For freight or passage, apply to

WM. PUSTAU & Co.
tf Hongkong, 7th March, 1864.

FOR MANILA.

THE *A* 1 Spanish Brig

"SAN LORENZO,"

Captain St. Coloma, will have immediate despatch as above.

For freight, apply to

ELMENHORST & SANDER.
tf Hongkong, 4th March, 1864.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE *A* 1 British Clipper Barque

"SOPHIA,"

Captain Jacobs, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For freight or passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.
tf Hongkong, 25th February 1864.

FOR LONDON.

THE *A* 1 British Ship

"QUEEN'S OWN"

will load at Whampoa for the above port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

JOHNSON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 14th February, 1864.

FOR BORDEAUX.

THE French Barque

"JOHANNA,"

Marsan Master, will load for the above Port at Whampoa, Macao and here, and will have quick despatch.

For freight, apply to

OXFORD & Co.
tf Hongkong, 23rd February, 1864.

FOR MELBOURNE Direct.

THE *A* 1 Clipper Barque

"SNAP DRAGON,"

Captain J. H. Briard, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

Apply to

PARKER & Co.
tf Hongkong, 23rd February, 1864.

FOR SALE.

PERFUMERY of every description, Necktics and Scarves of different patterns, Kid and Woollen Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Merino Vests, Drawers and Stockings, Woollen Jackets, Cotton and Woollen Socks, Table Covers, Sangster's Umbrellas, Whips and Canes, Rodger's Penknives, Brushes of different descriptions, &c., &c.

TUNG-CHEONG.
tf Hongkong, 18th January, 1864.

At the "Oriental Hotel."

PATENT REFLECTORS for Lighting Dark Passage Ways and Alleys.
tf Hongkong, 23rd December, 1863.

Just landed ex "*Samuel Russell.*"

PLATFORM SCALES, assorted sizes.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co
tf Hongkong, 8th October, 1863.

PRIME Hamburg Pork, and Beef.
Sauterne, in 1 dozen cases.
Claret, 1 do. do.

HESSE, EHLERS & Co.
tf Hongkong, February 16, 1864.

JUST LANDED. FOR SALE.

SUPERIOR PALE SHERRY, in 3-doz. cases.
Old Fruity Ports, in do. do., bottled by *Marber & Parker.*

VAUCHER & Co.
tf Hongkong, 19th February, 1864.

FOR SALE.

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AN Invoice of first-class CARRIAGES, as follows:—

One two-wheel *Dog Cart*, for four, with Lamps, &c.

One Ex, To *Barouche*, for four, with Pole and Shafts.

One *Platform Dog Cart*, for two or four, with Lamps, Pole and Shafts.

One *Family Carriage*, for six, with Lamps Pole, &c.

One *Prince Albert Phaeton*, Pole and Shafts, for two.

One *Mail Phaeton*, Pole and Shafts, for two or four.

One Cut-under *Buggy*, Pole and Shafts, for two or four.

Single and Double *Harness* for Ponies and Horses.

The above Carriages are of the best seasoned materials, manufactured expressly for this climate.

PARKER & Co.
tf Hongkong, 13th January, 1864.

ARRIVED EX MAIL STEAMER
OTTAWA," AND SHIP "*ALCHYMIST*."

PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS, of various sizes. "ERoss's Voigtlænder's, Lerebour's, and Valentin's PORTRAIT and VIEW LENSES.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMICALS and APPLIANCES, of every description.

The above are of the best workmanship and manufacture, from the well-known Firm of BOLTON & BARNITT, London.

ALEX. S. WATSON,
Hongkong Dispensary.
tf Hongkong, 25th January, 1864.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

S. & D. HENRY'S Canvas, Europe and Manila Cordage, patent Blocks, and Sheaves, Ironmongery and House Fittings, Mechanic's Tools, Iron and Brass Screws. Gilman's Stores, (superior quality) English and French Preserved Meat and Vegetables, Toilet, Dinner and Breakfast Services, Nightglasses and Telescopes by Ross, Champagne Wines, and Martell's, and Vineyards Proprietors Brandy's. Java Rum in Leagers.

Prime York Hams, and Wiltshire Cheese (small sizes for families) every Overland Mail.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

N. B.—Sails made and repaired, and Goods received on Storage on board the Store Ship "*Sarah*," (late "*Tropic.*")

LETTER SCALES.

AN assortment of English Letter Scales, just received.

Also,

A splendid assortment of Cartes de Visite Photographic, for Albums.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.
tf Hongkong, 27th February, 1864.

Just arrived and for Sale.

ALLSOPP'S ALE, in kilderkins.
do. do. in bottles in 4-dozen cases.
Barclays STOUT, " " "
Superior PALE SHERRY, 3 " "
do. BRANDY, in 1 and 2 dozen cases.
MARTELLS BRANDY, in 2-dozen cases.
Superior CLARET.
PAINTS, OIL and TURPENTINE.
SHEATHING FELT.

CHAS. H. MORGAN.
tf Hongkong, 23rd March, 1863.

COPPER and YELLOW METAL SHEATHING 20 to 30 ounce, and NAILS.

JOHN BURD & Co.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1863.

EX "*IMPERATRICE.*"

THE Undersigned receives per every Messageries Imperiales Steamer and has always on hand for sale LYONS SAUSAGES.

G. DUBOST
12m Hongkong, 3rd November, 1863.

SUPERIOR CHAMPAGNE, in quarts and pints, Duc de Montebello.
Eugen Cliquot's JUS DE GRAPPE.

HESSE, EHLERS & Co.
tf Hongkong, 1st March, 1864.

Post-Office Notifications.

A Mail will close.

For SAN FRANCISCO.—Per "*Antonia*," To-morrow, the 26th Instant, at 11 A.M.

A Mail will close.

For SWATOW, AMOY, and FOOCHOWFOO.—Per "*Granada*," To-morrow, the 26th Instant, at 8 A.M.

It is hereby notified for general information that under Ordinance 1 of 1864 and the Proclamation of the 22nd January last, certain specified coins are made the only legal tender in this Colony for sums below a Dollar, and that in future transactions in all fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the said specified coins and no others will be either received or given, in change as fractional parts of a dollar at this Department.

MAILS will be made up at this Office per the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Contract Packet "*CHINA*," on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 6 P.M.

To the United Kingdom via Marseilles, and via Southampton; to France and other Continental States (in a closed Mail to France); to Singapore, Penang, Batavia, Ceylon, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and all parts of India to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, New Zealand, and Tasmania, (via Point de Galle); to Mauritius, Suez, Aden, Malta, Gibraltar, and Alexandria; and a Supplementary Mail will be made up on the following morning. Letters, received from 9 to 11 o'clock for a late fee of 12 cents each; Newspapers 2 cents each, and from 11 A.M. to half-past 12 P.M. for a late fee of 24 cents on each Letter, and 4 cents on each Paper. Registered Letters will not be received after, 5 o'clock P.M. on the 31st instant.

The second Supplementary Mail will be kept open for the receipt of *Letters only* for England, France, and the United States of America, via Marseilles and via Southampton, until 1 o'clock P.M. on the 1st April, All Letters posted between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock must be prepaid.

Letters for the United Kingdom via Marseilles and via Southampton, and also Letters for Singapore, can be posted on board from 1.30 to 1.50 P.M. for a late fee of 36 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the Window set apart for the purpose on the North Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which prepayment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Insufficiently Stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, a fine of one shilling being charged in addition to the postage due upon all such Letters.

Insufficiently Stamped, and unstamped, correspondence, addressed to places to which it cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers; Letters of this class, which may be posted before 6 P.M. on the day of closing the Mail, will be returned during the day; but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, which may be posted on the morning of the departure of the Packet, will be returned until after the closing of the Mail.

The Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees" when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left hand corner of the correspondence.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance 1 of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd *January*, 1864, and no other Coins but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

For INDIA and EUROPE—Per the Compagnie des Services Maritimes des Messageries Imperiales Str "*HYDASPE*," on SATURDAY, *the 26th March*, at 10.30 o'clock A.M. To and through the United Kingdom *via* Marseilles, to France and other Continental States (in a closed Mail to France); to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, India, Aden, Suez and Alexandria, after which no letters can be received. Letters for Registration will not be received after 9.30 A.M., on the 26th inst. All correspondence intended to be forwarded by the vessels of the above Company must be superscribed per "Messageries Imperiales Packet "——"

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

Steam for
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, & SOUTHAMPTON.
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS & CALCUTTA

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "*CHINA*," Capt CURLING, with *Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie*, and *Cargo*, will leave this for the above Places on FRIDAY, the 1st April, at 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 30th inst.; SPECIE until Noon. on the 31st Instant, and PARCELS until 5 P.M. on the 30th

For Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office. Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the company do not hold them selves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,
Superintendent.
Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1864.

STEAM TO
SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steam-ship

"GRANADA,"

will leave TO-MORROW, the 26th Inst., at 9 A.M.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1864.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS OF TREASURE.

TO facilitate the work of Shippers, the Company have arranged to receive any Treasure intended for Shipment in their Steamers at their Offices in the Queen's Road.

Treasure will be received in this manner any day between the hours of 10 A.M and 4 P.M., up to the day preceding that of the Steamer's departure. Should the hour fixed for leaving be later than Noon, shipments will be received on the day of departure, from 7 to 9 A.M.

Shippers desiring to avail of this arrangement, will please send along with their Treasure, Shipping Orders and Receipts carefully filled up with Marks, Description, and Destination, and if the Bills of Lading are delivered at the same time the work will be greatly facilitated.

The Company of course except the "risk of boats," &c., as covered by ordinary Marine Insurance.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1863.

*** Arrangements are in progress and will shortly be complete for receiving Opium and other Cargo in the same manner.

WITH reference to the above notice, it is hereby intimated that the Company's Godowns are now open for the reception of every kind of Cargo intended for Shipment in their Steamers.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1864.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES
DES
MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE-FRANCAIS.
STEAM
FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, MARSEILLES.
ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th March, at Noon, the Company's Steam-ship "*HYDASPE*," Armstrong Commandant, H.I.M.N. with H.B.M. Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for the above places.

NOTICE.—The Mails, Passengers, and Cargo per *Hydaspe*, will be transferred to the Steamer *Donnai*, at Singapore, or at Galle, on board the *Imperatrice.*

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EXTRACTS.

On the Emigration of Chinese, to the West Indies.

From the Trinidad Gazette.

Of the Chinese Immigration I have already mentioned two advantages as compared with the Immigration from India which is fast drawing to a close. These advantages are the License to import laborers and their families without the addition of useless and decrepit emigrants and the abolition of back passages. The people to be brought to the Colony are, if proper instructions are properly carried out, all fit to till the land and add to its population. As compared with the negro they have, in our climate one inestimable advantage to wit, the greed of money, and as compared with the Indian they have the equal advantage of a disposition to spend their earnings in good living, good clothes and reproductive works. They are therefore in every respect a desirable, and not the less desirable because a permanent addition to our population. It is objected to them that former importations were badly selected and that the cost of their recruiting and passage is beyond our means. The first objection loses a part of its force when it is recollected that former selections were made by men who were strangers in China and that the experiments of the last few years has led to the appointment of an Emigration Agent who from his knowledge of Chinese language and life is competent to make a good selection and who has moreover the confidence and support of the Chinese Officials and of Her Majesty's Consuls in the Chinese Ports and of the Government Officers in our Chinese possessions. This new order of things is, I believe, a guarantee against former mistakes, though those mistakes were certainly neither so large nor so grievous as has been represented. The worst that could be said of our former Agents was that they sent us town laborers instead of Chinese peasantry and that at the solicitation or by the fraud of native officials they sent us a certain number of prisoners from the Chinese jails. This last grievance sounds dreadful to the untutored English ear. We are apt to forget that the Code of China is as bloody as that of Draco, that great criminals are not kept in jail but sent out of this world by any of the many means which the pedantic cruelty of successive paternal Governments has devised and that the people who languish in the prisons of the flowery land are chiefly confined for misdemeanour. On the whole these badly selected people did not, after all, turn out so very ill, not worse indeed than many a shipment that has reached us from India, and there is every reason to believe that a superior class of the Chinese country laborers will be selected by the new Agent. But they will be dear! I, as much as any man in the Colony, feel the expense of the Chinese Immigration and in common with all other Planters I am interested in reducing that expense. But I cannot conceal from myself the fact that the Chinese whom we expect under the new arrangement are, to say the least, not dearer than the Coolies whom we have of late years drawn from India. The cost of landing the Chinese at Port of Spain will be, I am led to expect, rather under than over £25 per head; but I assume that the cost will be £25. For an India Cooly landed at Port of Spain we pay £18, but in the case of these Indians, the regulation about the non separation of families burdens us with a certain quota of old people who are practically of no use whatever. But they all of them, the good and the bad ones must be taken at least at £18 and the consequence is that each serviceable laborer stands us so much dearer. I rather under than over state there additional cost by queting it at £2 per head. We must now reckon the back passages which at present carrying prices come to about £13 per head. Assuming that one half have or will eventually avail themselves of their return passages this amount of passage money may be quoted at one half, to be debited to each individual. The Account therefore stands thus:

Regular payment for a Coolie	£18.
Per Centage on account of incapables	2.
Return passage say	6.10.
	£26.10.0.

This sum, as I mentioned before has a tendency to increase with the decrease in the number of Coolies which our Establishment will be able to collect. As for the Chinese we are reasonably justified in anticipating that their present maximum cost of £25 may and will be lessened. Whenever other Colonies shall forward their demands to the Commissioner charged with their collection by Demerara and Trinidad, there will be a wider distribution of the expenses of the Establishment. Attempts will also be made to effect, by the employment of Steamers, a saving in time and expenditure and if certain measures now in progress are crowned with success we shall at no distant time, be able to enormously shorten the time, and with it, the expenses of the voyage from China, by carrying the Immigrants across the Isthmus of Panama. I speak not on surmises, but on the ground of close calculation, when I say that before two years are over we shall have Chinese Coolies at £22 per head and that the carrying them across Panama will reduce our expense to something under £20. As a rule the men and women so imported, will remain in the Colony and to judge from the experience derived from former Chinese Immigration a number of them will from time to time buy up their unexpired terms of Indentures. We shall then at least make a palpable step towards permanently peopling our Island and we may look foward to a future—I admit to a dim and distant one,—when the many thousands of pounds, now annually sent out of Trinidad as payment for the recruiting, the clothing and the passage of laborers will be saved. Then and then only can we hope for a healthy financial state. Our present position is analogous to that of an organism, in which periodical bleedings must be counteracted by a forced diet and by a consequent strain on every part of the system.

It would be wrong were we to rely on paid Immigration alone for the peopling of Trinidad. Rather let us hope that the Immigrants whom we now introduce from China will form a connecting link between us and that country, whose surplus population has made Singapore and peopled whole provinces in Australia and California. It is true that the Chinese are first and most strongly attracted to the digging of Gold but it is equally true that their hardy, industrious and thrifty population will flock to any Country of which they know by experience and common report that it will reward their labor. I look upon the importation of Chinese Coolies as especially valuable because these men will attract to our shores an independent Chinese Immigration. The machinery for such an Immigration is thoroughly organised among the Chinese and it is notorious that all great movements of population from China are set on foot and carried out by native associations which charter the ships for, and in many instances advance the passage money of the Emigrants. The inhabitants of Dutch and parties interested in Venezuelean Guiana, our neighbours and therefore equi-distant from China, are likewise endeavouring to attract an independent Chinese Immigration. The attempt is therefore not singular, nor to judge from the experience of other Countries is it hopeless. All that is wanted for its success is the holding out some signal advantage to independent Immigrants that is to say, to those that come to us at their own cost. We have not the attraction of gold but we have our land,—thousands upon thousands of acres of the most fertile lands; of lands each acre of which can maintain a peasant's or gardener's family in affluence-each acre of which in industrious and thrifty hands can be made the stepping stone to comfort, competence and even wealth.

I wish to submit to you the question whether we can do wrong in offering to independent settlers from China a certain portion of our Crown Lands in part repayment of their passage money? We should offer what is absolutely of no use or value to us, but what in proper hands would become extremely valuable not only to the settlers themselves but also to the Colony at large As it is our Crown lands are of no use whatever. We have had them those many years and they have done no good to any one and according to all human probability we might keep them for hundreds of years more without their adding in any appreciable degree to the public wealth or bearing their share of the public burdens. Why and wherefore should we retain them? And if there is no reason why they should be retained, why should not immediate and energetic steps be taken to use them as means of attracting a population; to make that productive which is now unproductive, to increase our Revenue by extending the area of cultivated lands, which would besides swelling our imports and exports, add a considerable amount to the land tax, thus enabling us either to spend more money in public improvements, or to reduce, to some extent at least the public burdens. In either case the community will be the gainer. As it is we are starving in the midst of plenty.

I wish it to be fully understood that these remarks apply in no way to the price of land and its sale to the present inhabitants of Trinidad. To cheapen our land would be to depopulate the Estates, the nucleus of the future cultivation of our Island. What I submit is the plan of estimating the Land at its highest value and proceeding on that estimation to grant portions of it as a premium to independent settlers, to men whose coming hither would cost us nothing and who would not come unless they were sure of some special advantage. I would not extend that advantage to Immigrants imported at the public and private expense for these laborers are brought here for a special purpose and to grant them extraordinary facilities for independent settlement would be to defeat that purpose. But an effect might advantageously be made to induce the Indians entitled to back passages to commute that privilege for a grant of Land. Such an arrangement, if it proved acceptable to them, would at least retain them in the Country and prevent the disbursement of something like Four thousand pounds per annum, the amount included in the estimates of last year for return passages of coolies to India. It is to be presumed that the majority of the settlers under the grant regulations would for a time at least, give their labour to the Estates for they would have to earn the wherewithal to clear their lands and bring them into cultivation. But their sojourn on the Estates would from the first be considered as temporary, they would gradually settle on their own land and form an independent peasantry whose offshoots in future days would give valuable help to the cultivation of the larger Estates. At the same time I hold that no grants of land should be made to Immigrants from Barbadoes and other West India Colonies, for we should not outbid one another in attracting population. The longest purse would carry the day with little advantage to its holder. Whereas by attracting a portion of the almost inexhaustable treasures of population which China possesses, we enter on a field where competion loses its sting. There is in that country ample and to spare for all of us.

A question of equal importance and greater difficulty remains. While the overflowings of Barbadoes increase our population of African origin; while Indian and Chinese Immigration will it is to be hoped, make a permanent and yearly increasing addition to our Asiatic population, the task of increasing and refreshing the European stock becomes of the utmost necessity. For, with all our mixed population, we are the offspring and the subjects of European Empires and our Trade our Commerce, our Civilization and Government are European. That important element must not be swamped by the exclusive influence of foreign races and yet the Geographical position of Trinidad, removed from the great maritime highways of nations, exposes our Island to a deadening isolation. Port of Spain is not a harbour where travellers touch on their way to any of the great centres of commerce, if it were, the undeniable advantages of our soil and climate would long since have secured us a large European population. That an infusion of new blood is urgently wanted no one can deny. Far removed from European influences and from European progress, we are still wedded to old manipulations, processes and ways of trade; in agriculture we produce at greater cost than the majority of our neighbours. With the best soil in the West Indies our produce per acre is about the lowest. This is owing not only to the easy conservatism which distinguishes the cultivators of most very fertile countries, but also to the want of men who know the Improvements in cultivation by which less favored Countries have beaten us in the race to wealth and who also know how to introduce these processes and adapt them to the local peculiarities of Trinidad. We want mechanics tradesmen, Overseers and Managers who have received their training in more stirring countries and who have breathed that breath of emulation and progress, which braces the moral constitution of the citizens of large Empires. We want such men, were it only to fill up the void which death makes among the European inhabitants of Trinidad. The great question is how to attract such men? How to make known our need, —what palpable advantages to offer! There are many men of the classes we want in Europe suffering severely from overcrowding and hitherto all good men of any sort who know their Business have done well in Trinidad. "But the question is how to direct the attention of these men to our Island and without guarantering their position which is manifestly impossible, how to offer advantages calculated to gain for us that valuable class of adventurers which combines a spirit of enterprise with calculating prudence. A great deal might be done by published information of the economical features of Trinidad life, at what rate skilled workmen and master mechanics can manage to live and what wages they can earn. A grant of waste lands, though of little immediate value might be an attraction for the more thoughtful and provident since with the progress of settlement the earliest grants from their vicinity to the cultivated districts would increase in value At first they might be leased for the clearing but that lease expired they would bring a small but yearly increasing rental. I merely shadow forth the vague outlines of a measure, which would greatly conduce to the prosperity of Trinidad, perhaps a comprehensive plan might be elaborated by our Agent General of Immigration who both for wideness of grasp and knowledge of detail is more than any other man qualified to speak with paramount authority on this and kindred subjects.

I anticipate an objection, the danger of the climate to Europeans. In the first place that objection rests on a more than a half exploded prejudice. The climate agrees very well with European Merchants planters and officials. It is dangerous only to the drinking classes and it is certainly desirable that what European Immigrants we get, should be industrious and sober. I believe such men can be found among the upper working classes in Great Britain and if not there in the South of Europe. And secondly we find Europeans flocking to other tropical and notoriously unhealthy situations provided they can see a chance of bettering their fortunes. Trinidad is a paradise of health compared to New Orleans and yet that town in spite of its periodical epidemics, has never ceased to attract a large number of Europeans of all conditions and classes.

The Establishment of the West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company will if the intentions of the founders are carried out, make Trinidad one of the "Entrepots" for the gigantic trade, which like the enchanted princess of the Fairy Tale has these many years been asleep on the Mainland of South America, but the population, the interprise and the produce of Trinidad are wanted to bear their share towards the execution of a scheme which connecting the West Indies with Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Central America, Honduras, Mexico and the whole of these with Europe will within a very short time stretch its lines in all directions across the Pacific bringing its Island and Mainlands and the Coasts of China and Japan within easy distance of our Western Waters. With this great undertaking will cease that isolation of the West Indies which has been one of the most active causes of our deterioration. The West India Telegraph unless a spirit of lassitude and false economy should repel the boon, will conduce to the same end. But on this important subject I hope more fully to remark in a future letter. In the meanwhile allow me to congratulate my fellow Colonists on the great step in advance (which has been taken by the reestablishment of an Agricultural Association. Let me hope that we may all each in his way contribute to the growth and extent of so valuable and important an Institution and that the gentleman whose efforts were mainly instrumental in calling it into existence may find his reward in the success of the Association and in the benefit which it cannot fail to confer on Trinidad. Apologizing for what many may consider the undue length of this Letter I remain.—Sir, Your Obedient Servant.

P. N. BERNARD.

Affairs in China.

The position of affairs in the far East is by no means reassuring. In China and Japan events are unmistakably tending in one direction, and it requires but little forecast to perceive that the exigencies of our commerce will ere long necessitate the active presence of a much larger force than this country would wish to maintain there. In Japan, though the immediate peril has passed away, the truce is a hollow one. Prince Satsuma, having sent a quarter of a million sterling to America for the purchase of rifled guns, naturally wishes to temporize until he has received this formidable addition to his strength.

In China, the reactionary party, under the presidency of the Empress-mother, and the generalship of Tseung-Kwoh-Fan, have not only made themselves dominant, but actually succeeded in stultifying all diplomatic action at Pekin. Prince Kung, who never had much power of his own, is now completely under the rule of this all-powerful faction. The European representatives have not seen the Regent for one year, and are obliged to content themselves with fruitless interviews with the Foreign Board, which, like similar institutions in this country, is admirably adapted for evasion and procrastination. Another massacre of Roman Catholic priests and their converts has once more brought the French Bishop of Se-chwen to Pekin. In vain does the French Minister claim redress; the effects of the Anglo-French military promenade through the capital being entirely obliterated. In fact, we have now discovered that we have never been in Pekin at all—for in the centre of that walled block of country which we call Pekin lies Imperial Pekin, with ramparts and fosses and its 200,000 inhabitants. No outer barbarian has penetrated this, the sanctum of Chinese prejudice. Though every Chinese subject strides in and out at his leisure, European ambassadors are kept out by sentries, and obliged to content themselves with furtive glances through their opera-glasses from neighbouring house-tops, where they are permitted to mature that co-operative policy, into which they were driven by Celestial astuteness one year since. For at Pekin individual diplomatic action is no longer possible. Twelve months ago, the representatives of the Western Powers, finding that they were being played off one against the other by the Regent and his advisers, determined to try the virtue of cooperation. This is what might have been imagined from a combination of conflicting interests.

Nevertheless, our trade is doubling itself, and will continue to do so. The foreign city of Shanghai has become the commercial capital of the East, whereas but fifteen years since the bittern and rice-bird were the sole possessors of the swamps upon which it stands. Land there is now as valuable as in the heart of the city of London, and thence our capital and enterprize control the markets of northern China. With such vast commercial interests at stake, and with such difficult diplomatic relations, it is with unfeigned regret that we receive the confirmation of the dissolution of the Chinese auxiliary force under Captain Sherard Osborn; for the published correspondence relative to the expedition proves, were proof wanting, that a similar command could not have fallen into more able hands. Were a policy of non-intervention possible in a country situated like China, we should be the first to advocate it; but distracted as it is by insurgents, whose original nuclei have been nothing but the starving centres of that gigantic population, and adverse as the rulers have proved to the humanizing influences of foreign commerce, in opposition to the wishes of the bulk of the inhabitants, it has appeared to us both just and wise to assist in the establishment of social order within the country, and commercial order without; to put down freebooters by land and piracy by sea; and whilst we secured peaceful avenues for our commerce, to ensure also to the Chinese Government the just dues arising from such foreign trade. For it is idle to conceal the fact, that our merchants, finding it more lucrative to bribe a mandarin at a non-treaty port than to pay the custom's dues at a treaty one, are all more or less engaged in smuggling at the non-treaty ports, thereby evading that just spirit of reciprocity which formed the basis of Lord Elgin's policy, and which could alone justify the armed intrusion of our trade in China.

As regards the Taeping rebellion, the energy of Tseung-Kwoh-Fan has during the past year driven it into the towns of Nankin, Soochow, and at the present moment not than one-fortieth part of the Empire is out of the hands of the Imperialists. Indifferent as their rule may be when measured by a European standard, yet as the Taepings recede so the inhabitants advance, and resume their peaceful avocations. Though the enthusiastic reports of missionaries once led us to imagine that this mighty convulsion was to lead to the evangelization of China, the manner in which its leaders have acted must have convinced the most credulous that rapine, murder, and lust were the sole objects they had in view. Wherever their hordes have passed—and their path has been through the most densely-populated portions of the country,—the inhabitants, together with their dwellings, have been blotted out; and during their ten years' rule at Nankin, the ancient capital, no attempt has been made to establish a civil administation, but the same relentless system has been pursued until the fairest districts have been well nigh depopulated and exhausted. Had the ruler of China had the sagacity to avail himself of the powerful aid which he asked and obtained from her Majesty's Government in the form of Captain Sherard Osborn's squadron, Nankin would have already been in the hands of the Imperialists, and with it would have perished the *Prestige* of the Taeping cause, and China might once more have settled down to those industrious pursuits which are the sole thought of its population. Now, it is impossible to predict what turn events may take, especially when we consider the vast ready element which California and Australia are pouring into Shanghai. A leader of grasp and capacity is alone wanting to enable those adventurers to seize an empire on the southern bank of the Yangtze.

The cause which led to the disbandment of Captain Sherard Osborn's force was, that her Majesty's Government only permitted it to be organized under certain conditions, which were submitted by the Emperor of China's agent, who had full powers to deal with the question. The Emperor having obtained the force he required on one set of terms, determined to use it under another, and expected to find in Captain Sherard Osborn a docile servant, who would assist him in this piece of chicanery. In that expectation it is hardly necessary to say he was mistaken. Neither honour nor bribery could induce Captain Sherard Osborn to swerve from the original agreement, on the faith of which her Majesty's Government had permitted him to organize the squadron. We hope that Chinese Government will not have bitter cause to regret the shortsightedness of their policy, but it is, we fear, hoping against hope. This powerful squadron could have stifled anarchy in the interior, cleared the rivers and coasts of pirates, and confined the foreign trade to its legitimate channels; China would have policed its own waters, and increased its revenue, and Great Britain would have been spat upon, those oft recurring and inglorious wars which seem inseparable from our relations with the mos-peaceful people on the face of the earth. However disappointing to Captain Sherard Osborn may be the result of his labours, he may rest assured that there is but one opinion in England as to the high-minded and dignified course he has pursued, under circumstances of no ordinary difficulty. And it is impossible to rise from the perusal of the correspondence lately published without increased admiration for a character which already stood high in the opinion of his countrymen.—*London Review.*

HONGKONG MARKETS.

23rd March, 1864.

COTTON GOODS.		$
COTTON YARN, No. 16 a 24	per bale,	230 a 340
„ „ 28 a 32	„	260 a 270
„ „ 88 a 42	„	310 a 320
GREY SHIRTINGS, 7 a 7½ lbs.	per piece.	4.90 a 5.00
„ 8 a 1½ lbs.	„	5.10 a 5.25
„ 9 a 10 lbs.	„	7.00 a 7.50
WHITE SHIRTINGS, 54 a 60 reed.	„	5.20 a 5.40
„ 64 a 66 „	„	5.60 a 5.80
„ 68 a 72 „	„	6.40 a 6.60
WHITE SPOTTED DO.	„	4.40 a 4.50
WHITE BROCADES,	„	4.20 a 4.40
AMERICAN DRILLS, 30 yards	„	4.00 a 4.10
„ „ 40	„	8.50 a 9.00
GREY T-CLOTHS, 24 yds. & 32 ins.	„	3.80 a 3.90
„ 24 „ & 36	„	4.10 a 4.20
DYED SPOTTED SHIRTINGS,	„	5.30 a 5.50
DYED BROCADE DO.	„	5.90 a 6.00
DYED DAMASK DO.	„	8.50 a 9.00
CHINTZ,	„	3.40 a 3.60
HANDKERCHIEFS,	per doz.	1.00 a 1.40
„ Blue,	„	1.20
„ Brown,	„	1.00
„ Red,	„	1.40
VELVETS Black, 22 inch	per yard.	0.25
„ Gentian, 22 „	„	0.30
VELVETEENS Black,	„	0.35
WOOLLEN GOODS.		
SPANISH STRIPES, Scarlet,	per yard.	0.90
„ Assorted,	„	0.75 a 0.85
LONG ELLS, *H* Scarlet,	per piece.	8.00 a 8.20
„ „ Assorted,	„	8.40 a 8.60
„ *HH* Scarlet,	„	8.20 a 8.40
„ „ Assorted,	„	8.80 a 9.
CAMLETS, *SSS*,	„	
„ *SS*,	„	19.50 a 20.50
„ *S*,	„	20.00 a 21.00
„ *D*,	„	
„ *BBB*,	„	21.50 a 22.00
LASTINGS, Assorted,	„	18.00 a 18.40
METALS.		
IRON, Nail rod, 1 a 6	per picul.	2.40 a 2.50
„ Hoop,	„	3.00 a 3.20
„ Bar,	„	2.50 a 2.60
IRON, Small Round Rod	„	3.40 a 3.60
„ Wire,	„	10.50 a 11.50
LEAD		
Large,	„	6.50 a 6.60
Small,	„	6.20 a 6.40
STEEL, English,	per tub.	4. a 4.20
„ Swedish,	„	6.20 a 7.00
TIN, Malacca,	per picul.	27. a 27.50
TIN PLATES,	per box.	28.00 a 28.50
SHEATING METAL,	per picul.	25.00 a 26.00
QUICKSILVER,	„	73. a 74.
SPELTER,	„	5.00 a 5.20
COTTON Shanghai	„	32.50 a 33.50
„ Ningpo	„	33.50 a 34.50
„ Japan	„	36.50 a 37

		$
RICE, Bengal, No. 1	per picul.	3.10 a 3.20
„ No. 2,	„	2.70 a 2.80
„ Siam, common,	„	2.50 a 2.60
„ „ fair,	„	3. a 3.10
„ „ white,	„	3.10 a 3.20
„ Manila,	„	2.90 a 3.
„ Java,	„	2.60 a 2.70
„ Singapore,	„	2.70 a 2.80
„ Saigon,	„	2.60 a 2.70
„ Arracan,	„	2.50 a 2.60
„ Rangoon,	„	2.50 a 2.60
SALTPETRE,	„	10.50 a 11.00
COALS, Afloat,	„	
„ English steam,	„	13.00 a 12.50
„ American Anthracite,	„	16.00 a 15.00
„ Sydney,	„	10.00 a 10.50
WINDOW GLASS,	per box.	3.40 a 3.60
STRAITS PRODUCE &c.,		
RATTANS Straits,	per picul.	3.80 a 4.00
„ Banjar,	„	4.40 a 4.60
PEPPER White,	„	11.50 a 12.00
„ Black,	„	6.70 a 7.
BETEL NUT,	„	3. a 3.10
SANDAL WOOD, Malabar,	„	13.00 a 14.00
„ South Seas,	„	12.00 a 12.65
SAPAN WOOD, Manila,	„	1.50 a 1.80
„ Siam,	„	2.40 a 2.90
FLOUR, California, per sack of 50 lbs.		1.40 a 1.50
„ American, per barrel of 200lbs.		6.00 a 6.20
WHEAT, Tientsin,	per picul.	2.40 a 2.50
„ California,	„	2.60 a 2.70
NATIVE PRODUCE.		
SUGAR, Canton white, No. 1 a 3,	„	6.80 a 7.20
„ „ Dk. Brown,	„	4.60 a 4.80
„ West Coast, Dk. Brown,	„	4.00 a 4.20
„ Manila, Dry Yellow,	„	3.80 a 4.00
„ „ Dk. Brown,	„	3.20 a 3.40
CAMPHOR, packed,	„	16.00 a 16.50
PEAS, White,	„	2.50 a 2.60
„ Green,	„	2.20 a 2.30
„ Black,	„	2.20 a 2.30
„ Yellow,	„	2.30 a 2.40
MUSHROOMS, Japan,	„	38½ a 39
SEAWEED, Green,	„	3.50 a 3.80
„ Cut,	„	3.00 a 3.20
MUSSELLS, Dry Japan, large,	„	18.00
„ „ small,	„	1.000
„ Siam large,	„	9.00
„ „ small,	„	6.00
VERMICELLI,	„	9.00 a 9.20
BEES WAX, Japan,	„	13.00 a 14.00
„ Hankow Seechong,	„	100. a 110.
ALUM,	„	2.40 a 2.50
SASSEMUMS, Japan white,	„	3.50 a 3.60
„ „ black,	„	3.20 a 3.30

Sales on the 23rd March, 1864.—Hongkong.

VENDOR	GOODS SOLD	PRICE	PURCHASER
Pustau & Co.	5,500 pls. Manila White Rice	$ 2.71	Kin-nam
Reynolds & Co.	5,600 „ do.	2.75	Johnson & Co.
Oxford & Co.	500 boxes Window Glass	3.40	do.
Poonjabhoy & Co.	100 Lead Bars	6.10	Ameredecu
Hang-fung-hong	300 pcs. White Spotted Shirtings	4.25	Ko-loong
Kwong-man-tye & Kwong-wing-chun	700 bags 50 lb. Flour	1.56	Shing-tung
Po-loong	2,600 „ do.	2.55	Kee-wo
Kang-tye-hong	150 „ Vermicelli (Japan)	4.10	Kwong-fuk
do.	230 pls. Cow's Hide	6.00	Fatshan Merchant
Kin-cheong-hong	150 „ Manila Sapanwood	1.70	Canton do.
do.	1,200 bags Potato Flour	1.80	By Retail
Yee-loong-hong	500 pls. Yellow Peas	2.60	Tungkun Merchant
Yee-shun-hong	400 „ Black Sassemums	3.34	Travelling do

OPIUM *24th March, 1864.*

PATNA,	old $	Firm.
	new $ 555	
BENARES,	old $	
	new $ 525	
MALWA.	$ 695 a $700	

Exchange Hongkong.

On London, 6 months' sight	4/10½.
„ Calcutta, 3 days' sight	Rs. 230.
On Bombay, 3 days' sight	Rs. 230.
„ „ 15 days' sight private	Rs. 233.
„ „ 30 days' sight Bank	Rs. 233.
„ Shanghai, 30 days' sight	Tls. 76.
Bar Silver,	4 ⅝ cent, prem.
Sycee	3½ ⅝ cent, prem.
Mexicans,	½ ⅝ cent, prem.
Gold Leaf,	$22.30 per tael.
Discounts,	10 per cent.
Mortgages,	12 per cent.

FOREIGN MERCHANT SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.

Vessel & Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Date of Arrival		Where from & Consignees		Destination
HONGKONG.								
Steamers.								
Bahama,	W. Rowe	Brit. str	1000	Mar.	12	Bangkok.	Johnson & Co	*Discharging*
Fame, †	Fagg	Brit. str	147	May.	7	Whampoa.	D. Laprak	Macao
Feiseen,	Carrol	Brit. str	255			Macao.	D. Ruttonjee	*Laid up-Repairing*
Fwan.		Brit. str		Mar.	10	Macao,	McDougall & Co	*Laid up*
Gangei,	Bernard	Brit. str	1260	Mar.	13	Shanghai.	P. & O. S. N. Co	Shanghai
Granada.	Cates	Brit. str	500	Mar.	21	Whampoa.	P. & O. S. N. Co	S'tow, Amoy & F'chow
Hankow.*	Bennet	Am... str	400				Russell & Co	Canton
Hydaspe,	Armstrong	Fel.. str	903	Feb.	24	Shanghai,	Mess. Imperiales	Suez
Kinshan *	Curwen	Amr. sh		Oct.	5	Whampoa,	Aug. Heard & Co	Canton
London,	Munro	Brit. str		Feb.	13	Shanghai.	D. Laprak	*Repairing*
Prince Albert *	Duncan	Brit. str					Acheong	
Rona,	Hutcheson	Brit. str	800	Mar.	17	Lamont's Dock,	Jardine M. & Co	East Coast.
Sir Harry Parkes.	Call	Brit. str	541	Mar.	23	Whampoa,	D. Laprak	S.hai, C'foo & T'tsin
Sir. J. Jeejeebhoy, ‡	Brown	Brit. str	150				Acheong	Macao
Spark*	Bray	Amr. str		Feb.	9		Thos. Hunt & Co	*Repairing*
Undine.	R. E. Baker	Brit. str	390	Mar.	21	Foochow,	D. Laprak	S'tow, Amoy & F'chow
White Cloud.*	Barnes	Amr. str					Russell & Co	Canton

* *Running between Hongkong and Canton.*
‡ *Running between Macao and Hongkong.*

Sailing Vessels.

Abyssinia,	Punchard	Brit. sb	107	Feb.	3	Singapore,	Bosman & Co	*For Repairs*
Activ.	Livoni	Dan. sch	148	Mar.	5	Saigon,	J. S.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1864.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 25, LOTUS, Brit. str, 500, Catto, Shanghai, Mar. 21, Sundries.—MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

Mar. 25, NICOLINE, Dan. bg. 388, H. Ahlman, Chefoo, Mar. 15, Sundries.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Mar. 25, YANG-TSZE, Brit. sh. 688, Wm. Billing, London, 13 Dec. Sundries.—JOHNSON, & Co.

Mch. 25, BEHAR Brit. str. 1,250, Dundas from Bombay 29th Feb. 9,20 A.M.—Galle 8th March 7 A.M. Penang 14th March 4 P.M. Singapore 17th March at Noon with Mails and Passengers &c. from London with dates to 10th Feb. in charge of Capt. Voss R. N. Opium &c. from Bombay &c. P. & O. S. N. Co.

PASSENGERS.

Per chartered str. Lotus, for Hongkong.

Messrs Fontana, Muravur, Li Cvis, and servant, Sir Nale, and Booth.

For Singapore.

Marmelli Esq.

For Suez.

Mr. and Mrs. Dato.

For Marseilles

Messrs. Graverean, Dinichers, Guirand, Baronde Klegkowski, Tarrier, Glan, Aymeri' C. Dougherty, P. Bertolini.

Per "Behar" mail steamer from Southampton for Hongkong.

Staff Commander Loney R. N., Mr. H. Coller R. N. Mr. Brown R. N., Mr. G. Alexander R.N. Mr. J. Hancock R. N., Mr. McNeill R. N., Mr. J. O. Wilson R. N., Mr. and Mrs. Hazeland and family.

From Southampton to Shanghai.

H. J. Tuckley, W. R. Hughes, Alabaster, W. Kedner, G. Bouchard.

From Bombay to Shanghai.

Lieut Nicholson and servt.

From Gibraltar for Hongkong.

Mr. and Mrs. Murracai, Mr. C. Santos.

From Marseilles to Hongkong.

Messrs. Borradaile, A. Smith.

From Marseilles to Shanghai.

Messrs. D. Genard, Dudgeon, Cochrane.

From Singapore to Hongkong.

Messrs. Rogue and J. B. Black.

Per "Yang-tsze," from London.

Mr. Tomlin and family—New Superintendent for Convict Hulk.

REPORTS.

The S. S. *Fusi-yama* saw the S. S. *John Bright* off Js. of Narcondam on 27th, February.

From the Singapore Papers.
Loss of the "Madras."
Loss of the "Wilhelmini."
Loss of the Jupiter"

The Norwg. ship *Nymphan* reports having spoken the British ship *Caduceus* from Manila bound to New York on the 8th ult., in Banka Straits. She wished to be reported.—*March 7th.*

Captain Jurgensen of the Danish brig *Anna Maria*, reports having spoken the Bremen Bark *Dorothea*, from Foochow to New York, near Pulo Sapatu. She desired to be reported. *March 2nd.*

We hear of the loss at Boelocama, (South Coast of Celebes,) of the Dutch vessel *Whilhelmina*, from Rotterdam for Macasser with a full cargo on the 27th Jan. At Macassar were also landed the Captain and crew of the Danish ship *Jupiter*, lost in the Straits of Sallayer supposed to be bound for China from Bangkok.—March 4th.

We learn that the Messageries steamer *Tigre* which left this (Singapore) for Suez on the morning of the 4th ultimo, made the passage to Galle in the unprecedentedly short period of 4 days and 16 hours.—3rd March.

H. I. M. steamer *Echo*, Captain Borset, from Saigon with dates to the 10th instant, arrived in the harbour this morning.

H. M. steam frigate *Pelorus*, Captain H. Boys, from Plymouth with dates to the 23rd November, arrived in the harbour yesterday evening.

H. I. M. steamer *Japon*, Captain Grasset, from Suez having on board 500 French soldiers *en route* to Saigon, anchored in the roads yesterday evening.—March 12th.

The steamer *Lightning*, Captain Harris, which left this for Hongkong on the 4th instant arrived in the harbour under canvas this morning, having put back with the loss of her screw, which snapped off on the morning of the 9th when about 700 miles from this. The weather was very boisterous at the time. The *Lightning* has a spare screw on board and goes into Dock to-morrow to fit it. It is expected that she will be ready to leave again in a week or ten days.—March 15th.

The *Falcon* reported as departed on 23rd did not sail until to day 25th for Chinhae for orders.

The *S. S. Lotus*, saw the *S. S. Fusi-yama* on 24th Mar. at 7 A.M. off the Brothers and the Danish brig *Eliza Barabina* off Foochow.

The *Behar* signalled with the *Robin Hood* on 20th March at 1.15 P.M. in Lat 9.16 N. Long 110. 22 6 from London bound to Hongkong.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 25TH MARCH, 1864.

The *Behar* arrived with the London mails of 10th February between seven and eight o'clock this morning. Annexed will be found the passenger list and a memo, of her cargo.

She left Bombay on the 29th ulto, Galle 8th inst. Penang 14th idem. Singapore 17th idem.

The Straits Times Extra were circulated as soon as procured, but as the parcel containing them had been "stowed away" in the hold, they were not obtained possession of so quickly as usual.

The intelligence from the United States indicates a prolongation of the disastrous struggle. The Schleswig-Holstein affair has taken a pacific turn, although the Germans have driven the Danes out of the Duchies. The Times issued a second edition on the 10th Feb wherein it was stated on the authority of an "authoritic source" that a telegram had been received by a financial house in the city to the effect that an armistice had been concluded between the belligerents. The Straits Times Extra contained a telegram dated London 14th February corroborating this, adding that the future government of the Duchies was to be decided at a conference between England, France, Russia, Prussia and Switzerland. There can, we think be no doubt about the truth of this, as Lord Palmerston had stated in the House of Commons that Austria and Prussia had declared their determination to abide by the treaty of 1852.

The *Lotus* arrived from Shanghai with the French mails this morning. She left on the 22d inst. We see very little news. The city of Yih-shing had capitulated to Gordon, and the submission of the insurgent chiefs had been accepted. Kia-shing is reported as teeming with wealth. General Ching had taken the stockades, but had not assaulted, although he had made a practicable breach owing to the remissness of the Futai's brother in not having the pontoons ready. The city is said to be completely infested. The insurgents have been completely successful at Hangchow, and have driven off the imperial troops including the Franco Chinese contingent.

Below we give the latest quotations for Exchange, Opium and Freight.

The mail for Manila will leave at 8 A.M to-morrow; post office closes at a quarter past 7. The *Granada* for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow will leave at 9 A.M. to-morrow, the post office closing at 8. The *Ganges* for Shanghae will leave on Sunday morning at 9, mails closing at 8.

The *Undine* will leave for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow, on Sunday.

We hear that the *Rona* is also circulated for the Coast.

The Messageries Imperiales packet *Hydaspe* will leave at noon to-morrow, with the Europe mails. The post office will close at half past ten.

We learn that at the urgent request of Mr. Lapraik, the committee, which was formed for the purpose of giving him a public dinner, abandoned the project.

Post-Office Notifications.

A Mail will close.

FOR MANILA.—Per H. C. M. str. "*Escano*" on Saturday the 26th Instant at 7.15 A.M.

A Mail will close.

FOR SHANGHAI, NINGPO, NAGASAKI and YEDO.—Per "*Ganges*" on Sunday the 27th Instant at 8 A.M.

DEPARTURE OF STEAMERS.

The "Granada," leaves for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochowfoo, to-morrow, at 9 A.M. *Mails close at* 8 A.M.

The "Escano," leaves for Manila, to-morrow, at 8 A.M. *Mails close at* 7.15 A.M.

The "Ganges," leaves for Shanghai, Ningpo, Nagasaki and Yodo, on Sunday next, at 8 A.M. *Mails close at* 8 A.M.

Latest Quotations.

Shanghai Saturday Evening 19th March.

EXCHANGE.—

On London.—Bank Rate, 6 months sight, 6s. 4¾d. per Tl.
Credits, 6 months sights 6s. 5½d. „
Bills with Dect. 6 m/s 6s. 5¾d.

On Calcutta.— { Bank Bills, accepted 3d/s. [Rs. 307 per 100 Tls.

On Bombay.— { Bank Bills, accepted 3d/s. [Rs. 307 per 100 Tls.

On Hongkong.— { Bank 3 ds. 24½ per cent disct. Private 15 ds. 25½ „

BULLION.—
Mex. Dollars—76.
Carolus—74-77.
Gold Bars. 98 touch Tls. 160
Bar Silver, Tls. 100.
Copper Cash.

OPIUM.—Malwa.....Tls. 500
Patna, New..... „ 400
Do. Old ..... „ 420

FREIGHT.—
To London.—Tea £4.5 *a* £4.10. Silk £4.15
London Liverpool.—Cotton £3.15 *a* £4 per Ton of 50 cubic feet.

IMPORT CARGOES.

Per mail steamer "Behar," from Bombay &c

Malwa Opium—for Hongkong	259	chests
for Shanghai	512	do.
Bengal Opium, shipped at Singapore.		
For Hongkong	258	chests.
For Amoy	2	do.
	1,071	chests.
Turkey Opium, for Hongkong	10	boxes.
for Shanghai	17	do.
Treasure, from London	$31,963.	
from intermediate ports,	77,298.	
Total	$109,261.	

Per "Lotus," str. from Shanghai,—
For Marseilles,—Cotton 430 bales.

EXPORT CARGOES.

None.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MACEWEN & Co. are instructed to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

MONDAY,
the 28th March,—at Noon,
At their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,

An Assorted Invoice of OILMAN'S STORES lately landed.

GLASSWARE Assorted.

CROCKERYWARE, consisting of Dinner, Breakfast, Dessert, Tea, Coffee and Toilette Sets.

A CHEST of Electro PLATE of Superior quality in Complete Sets.

An Assortment of very beautiful ENGRAVINGS.

also,

A quality of OLD COPPER BOLTING and NAILS &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1864.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW,
the 26th March, 1864,—at Noon.
At Messrs. Johnson & Co's. Godowns.
On the Praya.

600 bags. Damaged RICE.
(for account of the concerned;)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

W. M. MORGAN & Co.

Hongkong. 24th March 1864.